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#SYRIA-JORDAN

#KING ARRIVES FOR TALKS WITH ASSAD

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN ARRIVED MONDAY IN THE SUMMER RESORT CITY OF LATAKIA FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD THAT ARE EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON THE OUSTING OF THEIR LONG-TIME ALLY, SOVIET PRESIDENT MIKHAIL GORBACHEV.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HUSSEIN'S TRIP WAS TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EASAT PEACE PROCESS AND U.S.-LED EFFORTS TO CONVENE AN ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER.

BUT A JORDANIAN OFFICIAL IN AMMAN SAID THE FOCUS SHIFTED TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION AFTER THE OVERNIGHT OUSTER OF GORBACHEV BY HARD-LINERS LED BY VICE PRESIDENT GENNADY I. YANAYEV.

THE MIDDLE EASST PEACE CONFERENCE WAS TO BE CO-SPONSORED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION HAVE LEFT THESE PLANS IN JEOPARDY.

A SYRIAN PRESIDENTIAL PALACE SOURCE SAID ONLY THAT HUSSEIN WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PRIME MINISTER TAHER MASRI, FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH NSOUR, ROYAL CABINET CHIEF ZEID BIN SHAKER AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

THE SOURCE, WHO COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED, DECLINED TO ELABORATE ON THE NATURE OF THE TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS. HE ALSO DID NOT SAY HOW LONG HUSSEIN WOULD REMAIN IN SYRIA.

SYRIA HAS NOT REACTED TO THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

''IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT BOTH LEADERS DISCUSS THE DISMISSAL OF PRESIDENT GORBACHEV ... AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS,'' SAID A SENIOR JORDANIAN OFFICIAL IN AMMAN , SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY.

THE OFFICIAL REFUSED TO MAKE ANY OTHER COMMENT ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT GORBACHEV HAD BEEN OUSTED BY A GROUP OF SOVIET HARD-LINERS BACKED BY THE MILITARY.

HE SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR THE AMMAN GOVERNMENT TO OFFICIALLY REACT TO THE NEWS FROM MOSCOW.

''WE ARE CAREFULLY WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION NOW,'' HE SAID.

HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS IS THE SECOND SINCE THE END OF THE GULF WAR. ON MARCH 25, HUSSEIN VISITED DAMASCUS AND DISCUSSED COORDINATING STANDS WITH ASSAD TOWARDS U.S. EFFORTS TO SETTLE THE LINGERING ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

''HIS MAJESTY WILL DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD DEVELOPMENTS ON THE U.S.-LED PEACE PROCESS AND THE PROPOSED MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE,'' THE JORDANIAN OFFICIAL SAID.

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LIBYA-SYRIA

LIBYAN OFFICIAL ENDS RECORD 92-DAY VISIT TO SYRIA

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - ABDEL-SALAM JALLOUD, LIBYA'S SECOND-IN-COMMAND, LEFT FOR HOME TUESDAY, ENDING A RECORD 92-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT DURING WHICH HE TRIED TO MEDIATE BETWEEN WARRING SHIITE MOSLEM MILITIAMEN AND PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS IN LEBANON.

JALLOUD WAS SEEN OFF AT DAMASCUS AIRPORT BY VICE PRESIDENT ABDUL-HALIM KHADDAM, SYRIA'S MAIN EXPERT ON LEBANON.

THE TWO MEN HELD A BRIEF MEETING AT KHADDAM'S OFFICE BEFORE DRIVING TO THE AIRPORT, THE OFFICIAL SYRIAN ARAB NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

JALLOUD CALLED ON PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD LATE MONDAY TO SAY GOODBYE, IT SAID.

HIS DEPARTURE CAME TWO DAYS AFTER A 4,000-MAN SYRIAN FORCE DEPLOYED IN MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT TO QUELL A FIERCE POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN RIVAL MILITIAS. THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 1,300 WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING.

JALLOUD FLEW TO SYRIA AFTER THE SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE AMAL MILITIA STEPPED UP AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN BEIRUT AND SOUTH LEBANON IN NOVEMBER.

THE CAMPS REMAIN BESIEGED, BUT SYRIA HAS VOWED TO DISARM ALL MILITIAS IN BEIRUT, INCLUDING AMAL.

IF IMPLEMENTED, THE MOVE WOULD ENTAIL LIFTING THE SIEGE OF THE BEIRUT CAMPS OF CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, WHICH SUFFERED THE BRUNT OF THE FIGHTING.

THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE SYRIAN INCURSION FROM LIBYA, SYRIA'S MAIN ARAB ALLY. BUT TELATIONS BETWEEN DAMASCUS AND TRIPOLI SOURED DURING THE SO-CALLED CAMPS WAR.

LIBYA SUPPORTS A RETURN OF THE GUERRILLAS TO THE POWER BASE THEY EVACUATED WHEN ISRAEL INVADED LEBANON IN 1982. SYRIA, AMAL'S BACKER, FEARS SUCH A COMEBACK WOULD UNDERMINE ITS EFFORTS TO PACIFY ITS URULY WESTERN NEIGHBOR.

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SYRIA-LIBYA

LIBYA'S NO.2 MEETS ASSAD

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD CONFERRED TUESDAY WITH LIBYA'S SECOND IN COMMAND, MAJ. ABDEL-SALAM JALLOUD, ON A WAYS TO BOOST COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO ARAB ALLIES.

SYRIA'S OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THAT THE MEETING ALSO WAS ATTENDED BY SYRIAN VICE PRESIDENT ABDUL-HALIM KHADDAM.

OFFICIAL SOURCES IN DAMASCUS SAID JALLOUD EARLIER MET WITH LEADERS OF THE PALESTINE NATIONAL SALVATION FRONT, WHICH GROUPS SIX SYRIAN-BACKED DISSIDENT PALESTINIAN FACTIONS OPPOSED TO PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT.

THE SOURCES DID NOT SAY WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AT EITHER MEETING.

BUT JALLOUD, WHO ARRIVED MONDAY ON AN UNANNOUNCED VISIT, WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE DISCUSSED SYRIAN EFFORTS TO END FIGHTING BETWEEN SYRIAN-BACKED MILITIANS AND PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON.

TRIPOLI RADIO, MONITORED IN NICOSIA, SAID JALLOUD HELD A LENGTHY MEETING WITH KHADDAM BEFORE THE AUDIENCE WITH ASSAD.

''THE DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND WAYS OF BOOSTING THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALIST AND ZIONIST PLOTS,'' THE RADIO SAID.

THE TWO PRO-SOVIET COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN ACCUSED BY THE UNITED STATES AND SEVERAL WESTERN NATIONS OF SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

DAMASCUS AND TRIPOLI HAVE ACCUSED ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES OF SPEARHEADING THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THEM. THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE ALSO IRAN'S ONLY ARAB ALLIES IN THE SIX-YEAR-OLD GULF WAR AGAINST IRAQ.

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LIBYA-SYRIA

WITH LIBYA-SOVIETS

ASSAD TELLS GADHAFI ''WE ARE BROTHERS''

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD REITERATED SUNDAY THAT SYRIA WILL SUPPORT LIBYA AGAINST ATTACK BY THE UNITED STATES AND WILL TAKE MEASURES ''TO REALIZE UNITY'' THEY AGREED IN A SUMMIT LAST WEEK, DAMASCUS RADIO REPORTED.

THE STATE-RUN RADIO SAID THAT ASSAD DELIVERED THE PLEDGE IN A MESSAGE TO GADHAFI CONGRATULATING HIM ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1969 REVOLUTION THAT TOPPLED KING IDRIS AND BROUGHT GADHAFI TO POWER.

ASSAD'S MESSAGE NOTED: ''THE ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR COMES WHILE THE IMPERIALIST AND ZIONIST ATTACK ON THE ARAB NATION INCREASES ITS CRUELTY.''

THE RADIO SAID THAT ASSAD TOLD GADHAFI: ''WE IN THE TWO BROTHER NATIONS WILL FACE THIS ATTACK WITH A DECISION TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB NATION AND WE WILL FOLLOW UP PROCEDURES THAT WE AGREED UPON...TO REALIZE UNITY.''

ASSAD IS THE SOVIET UNION'S MAIN ARAB ALLY. SYRIA, LIKE LIBYA, SUPPORTS PERSIAN IRAN AGAINST ARAB IRAQ IN THE SIX-YEAR-OLD GULF WAR.

ASSAD FLEW TO LIBYA A WEEK AGO FOR A TWO-DAY SUMMIT AND PLEDGED THAT SYRIA WOULD STAND SIDE BY SIDE WITH LIBYA IF THE UNITED STATES LAUNCHED A FRESH MILITARY STRIKE AGAINST GADHAFI FOR ALLEGEDLY SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

U.S. WARPLANES BOMBED TRIPOLI AND BENGHAZI, LIBYA'S MAIN CITIES, APRIL 15 AFTER WASHINGTON ACCUSED GADHAFI OF SPONSORING TERRORIST ATTACKS. U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE REPORTED CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR ANOTHER ATTACK IF EVIDENCE IS FOUND THAT GADHAFI HAS LINKS WITH TERORISTS.

DAMASCUS RADIO SAID THAT AN OFFICIAL SYRIAN DELEGATION LED BY ABDULLAH AL-AHMAR, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE RULING BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY, FLEW TO TRIPOLI SUNDAY TO ATTEND THE LIBYAN CELEBRATIONS.

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LIBYA-SYRIA CORRECTION

DAMASCUS - IN LIBYA-SYRIA T511 - MAKE READ IN 2ND GRAF ''X X X MESSAGE TO COL. MOAMMAR GADHAFI CONGRATULATING HIM X X X''

(INSERTING DROPPED MATTER IDENTIFYING GADHAFI)

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2ND LEAD SYRIA-LIBYA

EDS: UPDATES WITH JOINT COMMUNIQUE

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD PLEDGED UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR LIBYA IF IT IS ATTACKED BY THE UNITED STATES AGAIN, SAID A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED TUESDAY FOLLOWING HIS TWO-DAY VISIT TO THE LIBYAN CAPITAL, TRIPOLI.

''ANY AGGRESSION ON SYRIA OR LIBYA WILL BE CONSIDERED AS AN AGGRESSION ON BOTH,'' SAID THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE TALKS ASSAD HAD WITH LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR GADHAFI BEFORE HIS RETURN HOME MONDAY NIGHT.

''PRESIDENT ASSAD DECLARED THAT SYRIA STANDS WITH ALL ITS POTENTIAL BY THE SIDE OF LIBYA TO COUNTER ANY AGGRESSIVE ACTION AND TO FACE THE THREATS OF AMERICA, ZIONISM AND ITS ALLIES,'' THE COMMUNIQUE ADDED.

THE SUMMIT ENDED AMID U.S. WARNINGS OF ANOTHER MILITARY STRIKE AGAINST LIBYA AND OF JOINT U.S.-EGYPTIAN AIR AND NAVAL MANEUVERS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THE TWO LEADERS ''DENOUNCED THE EGYPTIAN-U.S. MANEUVERS BECAUSE THEY VIOLATE THE TERRITORY OF THE ARAB NATION AND ARE A PROVOCATION FOR THE ARAB MASSES.''

''THE TWO LEADERS CALLED ON THE EGYPTIAN MASSES TO FACE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND COUNTER THIS PROVOCATION,'' THE COMMUNIQUE SAID,WITHOUT CLARIFYING WHAT THE EGYPTIAN MASSES WERE EXPECTED TO DO.

BUT A COMMENTARY EARLIER IN THE DAY BY LIBYA'S OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY, JANA, CALLED ON THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT TO REVOLT AGAINST PRESIDENT HOSNI MUBARAK'S ''RULING REGIME.''

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DAMASCUS 2ND LEAD SYRIA-LIBYA

THE AGENCY CALLED FOR ''WAGING A REVOLUTION AGAINST THIS (EGYPTIAN) PUPPET REGIME WHICH HAS DEGRADED EGYPT AND ITS PROUD PEOPLE.''

THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE DENOUNCED THE U.S. BOMBING OF THE LIBYAN CITIES OF TRIPOLI AND BENGHAZI ON APR.15 AS ''A GRAVE PRECEDENT UNRECORDED PREVIOUSLY BY MANKIND WHICH ALSO REPRESENTS THE CLIMAX OF STATE TERRORISM.''

THE U.S. AIR RAIDS WERE CARRIED OUT IN RETALIATION FOR THE BOMBING OF A WEST GERMAN DISCOTHEQUE IN WHICH TWO AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND A TURKISH WOMAN WERE KILLED.

EVEN WHILE ASSAD AND GADHAFI WERE MEETING IN BENGHAZI, LIBYA'S SECOND LARGEST CITY, A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON DECLARED MONDAY NIGHT THAT CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR A FRESH BOMBING RAID WERE BEING MADE BECAUSE OF INDICATIONS THE LIBYANS WERE PLANNING NEW TERRORIST STRIKES, OR ENCOURAGING THEM.

THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ALSO DENOUNCED THE VISIT BY ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER SHIMON PEREZ LAST MONTH TO MOROCCO FOR TALKS WITH KING HASSAN.

''THIS VISIT IS A TREACHEROUS DEED AND A CHALLENGE TO ARAB NATIONALIST FEELINGS,'' IT SAID.

THE TWO LEADERS AGREED THAT ARAB UNITY ''IS THE HISTORIC AND DECISIVE ANSWER WHICH WILL STRENGTHEN THE POSSIBILITY FOR STRUGGLE AND RESISTANCE,'' THE COMMUNIQUE SAID.

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LEAD SYRIA-LIBYA

EDS: ADDS U.S. WARNINGS TO LIBYA

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD HAS RETURNED TO DAMASCUS FROM LIBYA WHERE HE HELD A SUMMIT WITH COL. MOAMMAR GADHAFI AND DECLARED SYRIA WILL SUPPORT LIBYA IF IT ATTACKED BY THE UNITED STATES AGAIN, THE SYRIAN ARAB NEWS AGENCY REPORTED TUESDAY.

THE STATE-RUN AGENCY SAID ASSAD, ACCOMPANIED BY VICE PRESIDENT ABDEL-HALIM KHADDAM, FLEW INTO DAMASCUS AIRPORT MONDAY NIGHT.

THE SUMMIT ENDED AMID U.S. WARNINGS OF ANOTHER MILITARY STRIKE AGAINST LIBYA IF GADHAFI SPONSORS TERRORIST ATTACKS AND JOINT U.S.-EGYPTIAN AIR AND NAVAL MANEUVERS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

SANA SAID THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE ON THE TALKS HELD IN BENGHAZI, LIBYA'S SECOND LARGEST CITY, LATER TUESDAY.

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LATER, WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN LARRY SPEAKES DECLARED: ''OUR POLICY TOWARDS LIBYA REMAINS UNCHANGED. WE WILL EMPLOY ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO CAUSE LIBYA TO CEASE ITS TERRORIST POLICIES.''

LIBYA'S OFFICIAL JANA NEWS AGENCY MONDAY QUOTED ASSAD AS PLEDGING: ''IN CASE OF A NEW (U.S.) ATTACK ON LIBYA, SYRIA WILL SHOULDER ITS FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND FIGHT IT AS IF IT WERE DIRECTED AGAINST SYRIA ITSELF.''

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DAMASCUS - LEAD SYRIA-LIBYA 2

ASSAD AND GADHAFI HELD THREE SESSIONS OF TALKS IN BENGHAZI AFTER THE SYRIAN LEADER, MOSCOW'S CLOSEST ALLY IN THE ARAB WORLD, FLEW THERE SUNDAY FOR AN UNANNOUNCED VISIT.

SYRIA AND LIBYA ARE THE ONLY ARAB ALLIES OF IRAN IN ITS SIX-YEAR-OLD GULF WAR WITH IRAQ. SOURCES IN DAMASCUS EARLIER REPORTED THAT ASSAD SOUGHT TO FIND WAYS WITH GADHAFI OF DEFUSING THE ESCALATING GULF WAR.

IRAQ'S AIR FORCE HAS POUNDED IRAN'S VITAL OIL INSTALLATIONS IN RECENT WEEKS. SYRIA, GRIPPED BY A SEVERE ECONOMIC CRISIS, DEPENDS HEAVILY ON CUT-PRICE IRANIAN OIL.

DAMASCUS RADIO MONDAY SAID THE TALKS ALSO FOCUSSED ON THE ESCALATING ''ZIONIST-IMPERIALIST ONSLAUGHT AGAINST THE ARABS AND THE EFFORTS TO BREAK ARAB STEADFASTNESS IN THE FACE OF THIS AGGRESSION.''

THE SUMMIT, 1ST GRAF SYRIA-LIBYA T503.

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SYRIA-LIBYA

ASSAD RETURNS FROM TALKS WITH GADHAFI IN LIBYA

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD HAS RETURNED TO DAMASCUS AFTER TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH LIBYAN STRONGMAN COL. MOAMMAR GADHAFI AND MEETINGS WITH RADICAL PALESTINIAN LEADERS IN BENGHAZI, THE SYRIAN ARAB NEWS AGENCY REPORTED TUESDAY.

THE STATE-RUN AGENCY SAID ASSAD, ACCOMPANIED BY VICE PRESIDENT ABDEL-HALIM KHADDAM, FLEW INTO DAMASCUS AIRPORT MONDAY NIGHT.

SANA SAID THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE ON THE TALKS LATER TUESDAY. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE REPORT ON THE TALKS BY LIBYA'S STATE-CONTROLLED MEDIA.

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DAMASCUS - SYRIA-LIBYA 2

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THE SUMMIT TOOK PLACE AS THE UNITED STATES AND EGYPT ANNOUNCED JOINT AIR AND NAVAL EXERCISES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN OFF THE EGYPTIAN COAST.

U.S. SOURCES IN EGYPT SAID A FIVE-SHIP BATTLE GROUP OF THE 6TH FLEET LED BY THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS FORRESTAL AND THE MISSILE CRUISER BELKNAP WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE MANEUVERS WITH SOME 70 U.S. COMBAT PLANES.

LIBYA, WHICH HAS FEUDED WITH EGYPT, HAS CONDEMNED THE EXERCISES AS A U.S. ''TERRORIST PLOT.'' HOWEVER, U.S. SOURCES SAID THE MANEUVERS, THE FIRST MAJOR EXERCISE BETWEEN U.S. AND EGYPTIAN FORCES IN A YEAR, WERE NOT TAKING PLACE ANYWHERE NEAR LIBYAN WATERS.

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IT SAID ASSAD AND GADHAFI STRESSED ''THEIR COUNTRIES' CONSTANT SUPPORT FOR THE PNSF AND ITS STRUGGLE FOR REGAINING PALESTINIAN NATIONAL RIGHTS.''

THE SALVATION FRONT IS BASED IN DAMASCUS AND GROUPS SIX FACTIONS, INCLUDING FATAH-UPRISING, THAT OPPOSE YASSER ARAFAT'S MAINSTREAM PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.

SYRIA, ONCE ARAFAT'S MAIN BACKER, TURNED AGAINST HIM IN JUNE, 1983, FOR SEEKING RAPPROCHEMENT WITH ISRAEL.

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SYRIA-LIBYA CORRECTION

DAMASCUS - IN SYRIA-LIBYA 2 (T503) - MAKE READ IN 3RD GRAF AT START: ''LIBYA, WHICH HAS FEUDED WITH EGYPT X X X (FIXING EGYPT, NOT LIBYA AS SENT)

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LEAD SYRIA-LIBYA
EDS: ANOTHER SUMMIT, CLARIFIES ASSAD IN BENGHAZI, NOT TRIPOLI
NICOSIA, CYPRUS (AP) - LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR GADHAFI HELD A SECOND ROUND OF TALKS MONDAY WITH VISITING SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD, WHO VOWED HIS COUNTRY WILL BY THE SIDE OF LIBYA IF IT IS ATTACKED BY THE UNITED STATES AGAIN.

THE STATE-RUN DAMASCUS RADIO, MONITORED IN NICOSIA, SAID THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY GADHAFI'S TOP AIDE, MAJ. ABDEL-SALAM JALLOUD, AND SYRIAN VICE PRESIDENT ABDEL-HALIM KHADDAM.

THE RADIO SAID THE TALKS CENTERED ON THE ESCALATING ''ZIONIST-IMPERIALIST ONSLAUGHT AGAINST THE ARABS (AND) THE EFFORTS TO BREAK ARAB STEADFASTNESS IN THE FACE OF THIS AGGRESSION.''

BUT THE LIBYAN NEWS MEDIA GAVE NO DETAILS ON THE TALKS BETWEEN ASSAD, MOSCOW'S CHIEF ARAB ALLY, AND GADHAFI. THE TWO LEADERS ARE ALLIES OF IRAN IN ITS WAR AGAINST IRAQ.

TRIPOLI RADIO, ALSO MONITORED IN NICOSIA, SAID THE MEETING WAS HELD AT AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION IN BENGHAZI.

IT WAS THE SECOND MEETING BETWEEN GADHAFI AND ASSAD SINCE THE SYRIAN LEADER, KHADDAM AND THE ACCOMPANYING DELEGATION ARRIVED IN BENGHAZI SUNDAY ON AN UNANNOUNCED VISIT.

''SYRIA AND, 6TH GRAF SYRIA-LIBYA T505.

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SYRIA LIBYA

ASSAD VOWS TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE LIBYA IF ATTACKED

NICOSIA, CYPRUS (AP) SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD HAS VOWED IN TRIPOLI TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE LIBYA IF IT IS AGAIN ATTACKED BY THE UNITED STATES, LIBYA'S OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY REPORTED MONDAY.

THE STATE RUN JANA AGENCY, MONITORED IN NICOSIA, SAID ASSAD ALSO DECLARED THAT WASHINGTON'S POLICIES ARE HOSTILE TOWARDS THE ARAB WORLD.

ASSAD MADE HIS STATEMENT WHEN HE ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI SUNDAY NIGHT ON AN UNANNOUNCED VISIT TO LIBYA. ASSAD, MOSCOW'S MAIN ARAB ALLY, AND LIBYAN STRONGMAN COL. MOAMMAR GADHAFI ARE ALLIES OF IRAN IN THE SIX YEAR OLD GULF WAR AGAINST IRAQ.

ASSAD WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SENIOR AIDE, VICE PRESIDENT ABDUL HALIM KHADDAM, AND OTHER OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IZAM AL MALD.

ASSAD AND KHADDAM HELD A LATE-NIGHT SESSION WITH GADHAFI WHO MET THEM AT TRIPOLI AIRPORT, THE AGENCY SAID WITHOUT ELABORATION.

''SYRIA AND LIBYA ARE IN THE SAME TRENCH IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE HOSTILE IMPERIALIST PLOTS WHICH ARE DIRECTED NOT ONLY AGAINST LIBYA, BUT AGAINST THE ENTIRE ARAB NATION,'' IT QUOTED THE SYRIAN PRESIDENT AS SAYING.

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AMERICAN WARPLANES BOMBED TRIPOLI AND BENGHAZI, INCLUDING GADHAFI'S HEADQUARTERS IN THE CAPITAL, APRIL 15 AFTER WASHINGTON ACCUSED THE LIBYAN LEADER OF ENCOURAGING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

''SYRIA AND LIBYA ARE DETERMINED TO CONFRONT TOGETHER ANY PLOT DIRECTED AGAINST EITHER COUNTRY OR ANY OTHER ARAB COUNTRY,'' ASSAD SAID.

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ASSAD SAID HIS VISIT WAS PART OF "CONTINUING CONTACTS TO COORDINATE A MORE EFFECTIVE POLICY AGAINST IMPERIALISM."

BUT SOURCES IN DAMASCUS, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, SAID ASSAD PLANNED TO DISCUSS WITH CABINET WAYS TO REFUSE THE ESCALATING GULF WAR BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ.

THE SIX YEAR OLD GULF WAR HAS IN RECENT WEEKS ESCALATED INTO A FIERCE ECONOMIC CONFRONTATION WITH THE TWO GULF ANTAGONISTS HAMMERING EACH OTHER'S VITAL INDUSTRIAL AND OIL INSTALLATIONS WITH AIR RAIDS AND LONG RANGE ARTILLERY ATTACKS.

SYRIA, ITS ECONOMY ALREADY SHAKY, DEPENDS HEAVILY ON CUT PRICE OIL DELIVERIES FROM IRAN.

SAUDI ARABIA, IRAQ'S MAIN ARAB ALLY AND THE SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL AID TO SYRIA, HAS PUSHED ASSAD TO INTERVENE WITH IRAN TO EASE THE ECONOMIC WAR WITH IRAQ.

AS ASSAD FLEW TO LIBYA, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF IRAN, SYRIA AND LIBYA WERE MEETING IN DAMASCUS TO DISCUSS THE GULF WAR.

KHARRAZI AND SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FAROUK AL-SHARAA VISITED TEHRAN SEPARATELY LAST WEEK AND CARRIED LETTERS FROM ASSAD TO IRANIAN PRESIDENT ALI KHAMENEI, REPORTEDLY URGING TEHRAN TO PREVENT THE WAR ESCALATING.

BUT DESPITE THE MEDIATION, KHAMENEI WAS QUOTED BY TEHRAN RADIO FRIDAY AS SAYING IRAN WOULD STRIKE NOT ONLY AT IRAQ'S OIL INSTALLATIONS, BUT ALSO AT THOSE OF OIL-RICH GULF STATES WHICH BACK BAGHDAD.

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SYRIA-LIBYA

SYRIAN PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN LIBYA

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) -- SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD ARRIVED UNEXPECTEDLY IN THE LIBYAN CAPITAL SUNDAY FOR TALKS WITH LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR QADHAFI ON ''MEASURES TO FIGHT IMPERIALISM,'' THE OFFICIAL SYRIAN ARAB NEWS AGENCY, REPORTED.

SANA SAID ASSAD IS HEADING A HIGH-RANKING DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDES VICE PRESIDENT ABDUL-HALIM KHADDAM AND STATE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ISAM AL-NAEB.

THE AGENCY SAID ASSAD AND QADHAFI BEGAN THEIR FIRST ROUND OF TALKS ATTENDED BY KHADDAM AND LIBY'S NUMBER 2 MAN, ABDULSALAM JALLOUD.

IT SAID THEY DISCUSSED ''JOINT MEASURES TO FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALIST SCHEMES,'' A REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND ITS WESTERN ALLIES. IT DID NOT ELABORATE OR GIVE FURTHER REASON FOR ASSAD'S UNANNOUNCED VISIT.

SYRIA STRONGLY DENOUNCED U.S. AIR RAIDS LAST APRIL AGAINST LIBYAN TARGETS IN THE CAPITAL, TRIPOLI AND THE CITY OF BENGHAZI.

MEANWHILE, FOREIGN MINISTERS OF IRAN AND LIBYA ARE IN DAMASCUS TO ATTEND WITH THEIR SYRIAN COUNTERPART A REGULAR TRIPARTITE MEETING BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE THREE COUNTRIES.

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EDS: SYRIA PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR LIBYA AGAINST U.S., ADDS DETAILS ON MILITARY STRENGTHS, ADDS BYLINE

BY LOUIS FARES

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - SYRIA, THE SOVIET UNION'S MAIN ARAB ALLY, VOWED SUNDAY TO ''PARTICIPATE'' IN CONFRONTING THE U.S. 6TH FLEET IN THE DISPUTED GULF OF SIDRA AND WARNED AMERICA WILL BE ''THE BIGGEST LOSER'' IF IT ATTACKS LIBYA.

THE DECLARATION WAS MADE BY AN AUTHORITATIVE SOURCE TO THE OFFICIAL SYRIAN ARAB NEWS AGENCY.

''WHILE SYRIA CONDEMNS STRONGLY THIS PREMEDITATED ESCALATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND ITS DANGEROUS REPERCUSSIONS ON THE PEOPLES OF THE ARER AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, IT WISHES TO STRESS THAT IT WILL PARTICIPATE NEXT TO LIBYA IN CONFRONTING THIS FLAGRANT AND UNJUSTIFIED AGGRESSION;'' THE STATEMENT SAID.

SYRIA, LIBYA'S MAIN ARAB ALLY, TOOK THE STRONGEST STAND BEHIND LIBYA AMID A WELTER OF SUPPORT FROM OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES.

NEWSPAPER EDITORIALS IN THE ARAB WORLD, FROM THE CONSERVATIVE PRO-WESTERN GULF, TO AFRICA, RALLIED BEHIND LIBYA AND URGED THE UNITED STATES TO BACK DOWN ON ITS THREATS TO ATTACK LIBYA ON THE GROUNDS ITS LEADER, COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY, IS ENCOURAGING TERRORISM.

THE TIGHTLY CONTROLLED ARAB MEDIA USUALLY REFLECT THEIR GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL STANDS.

NEITHER SANA NOR THE UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE SPELLED OUT WHAT WAS MEANT BY ''PARTICIPATE.'' THEY DID NOT EXPLAINED WHETHER THAT MEANT SYRIA PLANNED TO SEND TROOPS AND WEAPONS TO BOLSTER LIBYA'S ARMED FORCES, BELIEVED TO TOTAL 73,000.

PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD AND KHADAFY ARE MOSCOW'S CLOSEST ARAB ALLIES.

THE SOVIET UNION HAS SUPPLIED THEIR ARMED FORCES WITH MOST OF THEIR HARDWARE, INCLUDING SOPHISTICATED SURFACE-TO-AIR AND SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES AND MIG FIGHTERS.

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BUT SYRIA HAS THE EXPERTISE AND THE MANPOWER. ITS ARMED FORCES, TOTALLING ABOUT 400,000, HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE IN FIGHTING AGAINST THE U.S. MILITARY MACHINE IN THREE WARS AGAINST ISRAEL IN THE PAST TWO DECADES.

THE SOVIETS ALSO SUPPLIED SYRIA WITH NEW WARSHIPS, BELIEVED TO BE MISSILE GUNBOATS, AS ASSAD HAS SOUGHT TO BUILD UP HIS MILITARY POWER TO MATCH THAT OF SYRIA'S ARCHFOE, ISRAEL.

INTELLIGENCE REPORTS HAVE ALSO INDICATED THE SYRIA HAS ALSO ACQUIRED SUBMARINES FOR THE FIRST TIME.

''THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING COMMITTING AN AGGRESSION AGAINST LIBYA AFTER IT HAS PREPARED FOR IT THROUGH A MASSIVE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AND THROUGH GATHERING FLEETS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN,'' SAID THE AUTHORITIATIVE SOURCE QUOTED BY SANA.

THE STATEMENT WAS ISSUED SOON AFTER VICE PRESIDENT ABDUL-HALIM KHADDAM MET WITH LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL AL-MANSOUR (CQ) WHO ARRIVED IN DAMASCUS ON A SURPRISE VISIT SUNDAY.

LIBYA HAS BEEN MOBILIZING SUPPORT IN THE ARAB WORLD TO CONFRONT THE UNITED STATES IN THEIR SECOND STAND-OFF IN THE GULF OF SIDRA IN A MONTH.

SANA SAID EARLIER THAT SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FARROUK AL-SHARAA PLEDGED ALL-OUT SUPPORT FOR LIBYA WHEN HE MET WITH AL-MANSOUR AFTER FLYING TO DAMASCUS.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, SAID THE SYRIAN POSITION WAS MADE CLEAR TO U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE RICHARD MURPHY DURING HIS FOUR-HOUR MEETING WITH ASSAD IN DAMASCUS SATURDAY.

MURPHY FLEW TO EGYPT SUNDAY AFTER A 24-HOUR VISIT TO SYRIA.

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DAMASCUS - 3RD LEAD SYRIA-LIBYA 2 (BEB483), TO INCLUDE ARAB LEAGUE, ALGERIAN REACTION, INSERT AFTER 6TH GRAF; A MONTH.

THE ARAB LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS IN TUNISIA ON SUNDAY ISSUED A STATEMENT CONDEMNING U.S. THREATS AGAINST LIBYA AND SAYING THEY WERE ''BASED ON OBSCURE ACCUSATIONS WHICH ARE NOT JUSTIFIED BY ANY TANGIBLE PROOF.''

''IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT EACH TIME CERTAIN SMALL, DESPAIRING AND IRRESPONSIBLE GROUPS COMMIT ISOLATED ACTS OF VIOLENCE, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE ACTS IS ASCRIBED TO WHATEVER ARAB COUNTRY,'' THE STATEMENT SAID.

LIBYAN RADIO REPORTED THAT A SENIOR ALGERIAN OFFICIAL, POLITBURO MEMBER CHERIF MESAADIA, ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI ON SUNDAY AND SAID HIS COUNTRY STOOD BY LIBYA ''IN ITS CONFRONTATION OF THE IMPERIALIST ONSLAUGHT LED BY THE U.S.A. AND NATO.''

SANA SAID, 7TH GRAF DAMASCUS - 3RD LEAD SYRIA-LIBYA 2 (BEB483)

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BUT EVEN IN EGYPT, KHADAFY'S MAIN ARAB FOE, THE U.S. MOVES WERE SHARPLY CRITICIZED.

CAIRO'S DAILY AL-GOMHURIYA SAID THE ADVANCE OF THE U.S. FLEET TOWARD LIBYA REPRESENTS ''A NEW ESCALATION TO THE DRUMS OF WAR IN THE AREA WHICH LIES EXACTLY AT OUR BORDER.

''EGYPT REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO BRING PEACE TO THE ARAB REGION AND KEEP AWAY FROM THE SUPERPOWERS AND THEIR FRIGHTENING CONFRONTATIONS.''

IN AMMAN, THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE JORDAN TIMES SAID THE U.S. ''DESCRIPTION OF COL. KHADAFY OR ANYONE ELSE AS A 'TERRORIST' OR A 'MAD DOG' SOUNDS SOMETHING LIKE THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE BLACK.''

IT SAID WASHINGTON HAS BEEN ''VERY STUBBORNLY SUPPORTING ISRAEL IN ITS WANTON TERRORIST POLICIES AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS.''

IT SAID THE U.S. FAILURE TO CRITICIZE ISRAELI POLICY ''INDICATES THAT THE UNITED STATES APPROVES TERRORISM AS AN APPROPRIATE MEANS FOR ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH ITS POLITICAL LEGITIMACY IN SOMEBODY ELSE'S LAND.''

IN LEBANON, THE SMALLEST OF THE ARAB NATIONS, PRIME MINISTER RASHID KARAMI SAID THE U.S. ''AGGRESSION AGAINST LIBYA MUST BE CURBED AT ALL COSTS.

''IT DOES NOT BECOME A SUPERPOWER LIKE THE UNITED STATES TO SQUEEZE ITYSELF INTO A SMALL ARAB GULF (GULF OF SIDRA) TO SHOW OFF ITS STRENGTH,'' HE WAS QUOTED AS TELLING THE LEFTIST BEIRUT AL-SHARQ NEWSPAPER.

BAHRAIN'S AKHBAR AL-KHALEEJ SAID THE ''IMMINENT AGGRESSION IS NOT AIMED MERELY AT LIBYA, BUT AGAINST THE ENTIRE ARAB WORLD AS WELL.

IN QATAR, THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE GULF TIMES CALLED ON ARAB COUNTRIES TO STAND BY LIBYA ''TO PROTECT THE FUTURE OF THE ARAB WORLD.''

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SYRIA-LIBYA

SYRIA PLEDGES TO SUPPORT LIBYA IN CASE OF U.S. ATTACK

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - SYRIA VOWED FRIDAY TO SUPPORT LIBYA IN THE CASE OF AN ISRAELI OR U.S. STRIKE IN RETALIATION FOR LAST WEEK'S ATTACKS ON THE OFFICES OF ISRAEL'S NATIONAL CARRIER, EL-AL, AT ROME AND VIENNA AIRPORTS.

THE OFFICIAL SYRIAN NEWS AGENCY SANA QUOTED AN AUTHORITATIVE GOVERNMENT SOURCE AS SAYING: ''SYRIA WILL EXTEND SUPPORT FOR LIBYA IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE, INCLUDING POLITICAL AND MILITAY SUPPORT, IN THE FACE OF ANY AGRESSION.''

THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ACCUSED LIBYA OF SUPPORTING DISSIDENT PALESTINIANS GUERRILLAS BLAMED FOR ATTACKS AT ROME AND VIENNA AIRPORTS LAST WEEK IN WHICH 18 PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

ISRAEL ALSO HAS BLAMED THE LIBYAN-BACKED ABU NIDAL FACTION FOR THE ATTACKS IN THE TWO EUROPEAN AIRPORTS WHICH LEFT 18 PEOPLE KILLED.

''A LARGE PRESS CAMPAIGN IS TAKING PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD TO PREPARE THE PUBLIC OPINION FOR AN AGRESSION AGAINST LIBYA, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THAT ARAB NATION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS AT VIENNA AND ROME AIRPORTS,'' SAID SANA, WHICH USUALLY REFLECTS THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL STANDS.

LIBYA HAS DENIED INVOLVEMENT IN EITHER ATTACK. LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY WARNED THAT ANY RETALIATORY STRIKE AGAINST HIS COUNTRY WOULD LEAD TO WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE ENTIRE MEDITERRANEAN.

SANA ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF SUPPORTING ISRAELI PLANS FOR ''AGGRESSION (AGAINST LIBYA) LONG BEFORE THESE ATTACKS TOOK PLACE.''

''THE UNITED STATES WANTS ISRAEL TO USE THE ATTACKS AS A PRETEXT FOR AN AGRESSION TO COVER UP THE DEFEATS OF U.S. POLICIES IN THE REGION,'' SANA QUOTED ITS SOURCE AS SAYING.

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REPORT LIBYA FAILED TO WIN SYRIAN HELP IN PLOT AGAINST HUSSEIN

LONDON (AP) - A FORMER LIBYAN DIPLOMAT SAID MOAMMAR KHADAFY HAD TRIED TO ENLIST THE AID OF SYRIA IN A 1982 PLAN TO KILL KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN, BUT FAILED, THE SUNDAY TIMES REPORTED.

THE SAME MAN, COL. AZIZ SHENIB, SAID THE LIBYAN LEADER ALSO HAD PLANNED TO BLOW UP AN ISRAELI NUCLEAR REACTOR IN THE NEGEV DESERT, THE PAPER SAID.

SHENIB, WHO WAS AMBASSADOR TO ROMANIA AND JORDAN UNDER KHADAFY AND HAD BEEN THIRD-RANKING ARMY OFFICER DURING THE REGIME OF KING IDRIS, HAS DEFECTED AND IS NOW LIVING IN CAIRO, THE PAPER SAID.

HE IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR THE SALVATION OF LIBYA, AN ANTI-KHADAFY GROUP, THE PAPER SAID.

THE PAPER SAID SHENIB TOLD IT THAT IN 1982, WHEN SHENIB WAS LIVING IN AMMAN AS AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN, KHADAFY RECALLED HIM SUDDENLY TO TRIPOLI AND PROPOSED A PLAN TO KILL HUSSEIN WITH THE SYRIANS' COOPERATION.

THE PAPER SAID SHENIB QUOTED KHADAFY AS SAYING @@KING HUSSEIN SHOULD BE LIQUIDATED.... HE IS A NUISANCE. HE IS PRO-WESTERN, AND NOT THE RIGHT LEADER FOR JORDAN, OR FOR THE REGION.''

THE PLAN WAS TO SUPPLY SYRIAN COMMANDOS WITH GROUND-TO-AIR MISSILES AT THE RED SEA PORT OF AQABA TO SHOOT DOWN HUSSEIN'S PLANE ON ONE OF THE KING'S FREQUENT TRIPS TO HIS VILLA IN AQABA, THE PAPER SAID.

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SHENIB WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE INFORMED HUSSEIN OF THE PLAN, THEN CARRIED OUT KHADAFY'S ORDER TO CONTACT THE SYRIANS ABOUT THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD REJECTED THE PLAN AS @@STUPID AND CHILDISH,'' SHENIB WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. SHENIB DEFECTED SHORTLY AFTERWARD, THE PAPER SAID.

SHENIB WAS ALSO QUOTED AS TELLING THE SUNDAY TIMES THAT SYRIA REJECTED A KHADAFY PLAN IN 1981 TO FIRE A LONG-RANGE MISSILE FROM EASTERN JORDAN INTO AN ISRAELI NUCLEAR REACTOR IN THE NEGEV.

THE SUNDAY TIMES QUOTED SHENIB AS SAYING SYRIA'S FOREIGN MINISTER AND MILITARY HIERARCHY GREETED THE PLAN WITH @@GALES OF LAUGHTER.''

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SYRIA-LIBYA

SYRIAN WARNS THAT ATTACK ON LIBYA WILL HAVE TO FACE SYRIA, TOO

LONDON (AP) - SYRIAN VICE-PRESIDENT ABDUL HALIM KHADDAM SAID MONDAY THAT ANYONE CONSIDERING AN ATTACK ON LIBYA WILL HAVE TO FACE LIBYA'S AND SYRIA'S @@CAPABILITIES TOGETHER SIMULTANEOUSLY,'' ACCORDING TO TRIPOLI RADIO MONITORED HERE.

IN A STATEMENT TO THE LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY JANA, REPORTED BY THE RADIO, KHADDAM SAID HE HAD BEEN SENT BY SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD TO INFORM LIBYAN LEADERS OF SYRIA'S POSITION ON @@THE PLOT WHICH LIBYA HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO.''

KHADDAM, WHO ARRIVED IN THE LIBYAN CAPITAL EARLY MONDAY, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING: @@WE ARE WARNING THOSE WHO ARE THINKING OF ATTACKING LIBYA THAT THEY WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH LIBYA'S AND SYRIA'S CAPABILITIES TOGETHER SIMULTANEOUSLY ON THE BASIS OF THE UNITY THAT BIND THE ONE ARAB PEOPLE IN THE TWO COUNTRIES.''

THE RADIO QUOTED HIM AS SAYING: @@WE SHALL STAND BY OUR BROTHERS IN THE LIBYAN ARAB REGION, WHO ARE CONFRONTING AN IMPERIALIST REACTIONARY PLOT, WITH ALL OUR CAPABILITIES AND MIGHT.''

THE BROADCAST DID NOT IDENTIFY ANY SPECIFIC COUNTRIES ALLEGEDLY PLOTTING AGAINST LIBYA.

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SYRIA-LIBYA

ASSAD SENDS LETTER OF SUPPORT TO KHADDAFY

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - SYRIA'S GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPERS TUESDAY BANNERED PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD'S SUPPORT FOR LIBYAN STRONGMAN COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY AGAINST ''THOSE WHO ARE THINKING OF ATTACKING LIBYA.''

ASSAD'S VICE PRESIDENT, ABDUL-HALIM KHADDAM RETURNED MONDAY NIGHT FROM TRIPOLI WHERE HE HAD DELIVERED A LETTER TO KHADAFY ''CONNECTED WITH THE CONSPIRACY TO WHICH LIBYA IS NOW SUBJECT,'' THE SYRIAN ARAB NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

OFFICIALS DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH COUNTRY WAS THREATENING LIBYA. BUT KHADAFY'S REGIME MONDAY CHARGED IN A MEMORANDUM TO THE UNITED NATIONS THAT EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES WERE PREPARING ''AN AGGRESSION AGAINST LIBYAN TERRITORY.''

THE TENSION STEMMED FROM EGYTPIAN ALLEGATIONS THAT KHADAFY HAD MASTERMINDED THE HIJACKING OF AN EGYPTAIR JETLINER BY PALESTINIAN ETREMISTS LAST WEEK IN WHICH 59 PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

EGYPT AND LIBYA HAVE BEEN AT ODDS SINCE A SIX-DAY BORDER WAR IN 1977.

SANA SAID KHADDAM ''STRESSED THAT SYRIA STANDS FIRMLY WITH ALL ITS CAPACITY TO CONFRONT AND FOIL THIS PLOT WHICH AIMS AT IMPOSING THE STATUS OF SURRENDER AND HUMILIATION ON THE ARAB NATION.''

KHADDAM DECLARED THAT ''SYRIA HAS TAKEN A DECISION TO CONFRONT AND OPPOSE THIS CONSPIRACY, USING ALL WAYS AND MEANS THAT SUCH CONFRONTATION REQUIRES.

''THOSE WHO ARE THINKING OF ATTACKING LIBYA MUST, HENCEFORTH, TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THEY WILL CONFRONT ALL THE POTENTIAL OF SYRIA AND LIBYA TOGETHER AT THE SAME TIME.''

KHADDAM STRESSED: ''ALL SYRIA'S POTENTIAL AHS BEEN PUT AT THE DISPOSAL OF LIBYA.''

SANA REPORTED THAT KHADDAM MET WITH POLISH LEADER GEN. WOJCIECH JARUZELSKI IN TRIPOLI AND HANDED HIM A LETTER FROM ASSAD. THE CONTENTS WERE NOT DISCLOSED.

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SYRIA-LIBYA

LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER ARIVES IN DAMASCUS

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL-SALAM TREIKI ARRIVED IN DAMASCUS MONDAY FOR TALKS WITH SYRIAN OFFICIALS, THE OFFICIAL SYRIAN ARAB NEWS AGENCY SANA REPORTED.

TREIKI WAS GREETED AT DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY HIS SYRIAN COUNTERPART FAROUK AL-SHARAA, SANA SAID.

THE AGENCY DID NOT SPELL OUT THE ISSUES THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE TWO SOVIET-BACKED ALLIES IN THE ARAB WORLD. BUT RELIABLE SOURCES IN THE SYRIAN CAPITAL, WHO REQUESTED ANONYMITY, SAID TREIKI'S TALKS WERE EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR AND THE RECENT RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN JORDAN AND EGYPT, WHOSE GOVERNMENTS MAINAIN CLOSE TIES WITH THE WEST.

SYRIA AND LIBYA ARE THE ONLY ARAB COUNTRIES SUPPORTING PERSIAN IRAN IN ITS FOUR-YEAR-OLD WAR WITH THE ARAB NATION OF IRAQ. THE SYRIAN AND LIBYAN GOVERNMENTS HAD DENOUNCED JORDAN'S RESTORATION OF DIPLONATIC RELATIONS WITH EGYPT LAST SEPTEMBER IN DEFIANCE OF AN ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT IMPOSED AFTER EGYPT CONCLUDED A SEPARATE PEACE WITH ISRAEL IN 1979.

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SYRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER MEETS KHADAFY
DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - SYRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER LT. GEN. MUSTAFA TLASS, CURRENTY ON A VISIT TO LIBYA, MET TUESDAY WITH LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY, THE OFFICIAL SYRIAN NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

THE AGENCY DID NOT GIVE DETAILS ON THE TALKS, WHICH IT SAID WERE HELD IN THE SUMMER RESORT OF BAIDA AND WERE ATTENDED BY LIBYAN CHIEF OF STAFF BRIG. GEN. BOUBAKER JABER YOUNES.

TLASS FLEW TO LIBYA EARLIER THIS WEEK ON THE FIRST VISIT BY A SENIOR SYRIAN OFFICIAL SINCE THE REPORTED STRAIN IN TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES OVER A CRACKDOWN ON PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN BEIRUT BY SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEM LEBANESE FORCES LAST MAY.

THE SO-CALLED CAMPS WAR LASTED ONE MONTH, ENDING JUNE 18 WITH A SYRIAN-MEDIATED CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS AND THE LEADERSHIP OF AMAL, LEBANON'S LARGEST SHIITE MILITIA GROUPS.

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WITH HUSSEIN VISIT
SYRIAN, LIBYAN MEDIA DENOUNCE EGYPTIAN-JORDANIAN-PLO POLICIES
AS SELLOUT
BY MAURICE GUINDI
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER
CAIRO, EGYPT (AP) - SYRIA AND LIBYA, LONG-TIME HARDLINERS IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, CHARGED SATURDAY THAT POLICIES PURSUED BY EGYPT, JORDAN AND MODERATES OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WERE AIMED AT A SELLOUT OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE.

THE CHARGES CAME IN COMMENTARIES BY OFFICIAL SYRIAN AND LIBYAN MEDIA ON KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN'S VISIT TO CAIRO, WHICH BEGAN SATURDAY, AND ON RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL THAT ENDED AN EIGHT-DAY SESSION IN THE JORDANIAN CAPITAL AMMAN ON THURSDAY.

THE PNC SESSION, CALLED BY PLO CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT DIRECTED THE PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WITH HUSSEIN A JORDANIAN PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT APPROACH TO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

AN EDITORIAL SATURDAY IN THE OFFICIAL SYRIAN NEWSPAPER AL-THAWRA SPOKE OF A ''NEW SURRENDERIST MOVE'' WHICH IT CLAIMED WILL BE ''TRIPARTITE, THAT IS, EGYPTIAN-JORDANIAN-ARAFATI.''

''IT WILL BE...THE ROLE OF THE EGYPTIAN REGIME TO MIX THE REAGAN PROPOSALS WITH THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS AND WITH THE HUSSEIN INITIATIVE SO AS TO PRODUCE THE LIQUIDATION OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE FOR GOOD,'' AL-THAWRA SAID.

THE NEWSPAPER WAS REFERRING TO PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S 1982 INITIATIVE FOR PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY IN THE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER AND THE GAZA SECTOR ''IN ASSOCIATED WITH JORDAN.''

THE 1978 CAMP DAVID AGREEMENTS PROVIDED FOR EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI-AMERICAN TALKS ON PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY TO BE JOINED LATER BY JORDAN AND THE PALESTINIANS. THESE TALKS HAVE BEEN DEADLOCKED SINCE 1982.

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LIBYA'S OFFICIAL TRIPOLI RADIO, IN A BROADCAST MONITORED IN CAIRO SATURDAY, SAID THE HUSSEIN-MUBARAK TALKS WERE ''DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF THEIR ROLES IN IMPLEMENTING SURRENDERIST PLANS IN THE REGION.''

''HUSSEIN'S CAIRO VISIT IS BEING MADE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A REACTIONARY AXIS TRYING FIERCELY TO CARRY OUT AN AMERICAN-ZIONIST CONSPIRACY TO LIQUIDATE THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE.''

''THE PALESTINIAN RIGHT (ARAFAT-LED WING) IS NOW OPEFATING UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF CAMP DAVID,'' THE RADIO ADDED.

THE SYRIAN NEWSPAPER AND LIBYAN RADIO IN ALMOST IDENTICAL TERMS SAID ''ARAB MASSES'' AND ''THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL FIGHTERS,'' MEANING ANTI-ARAFAT ELEMENTS WITHIN THE PLO, WILL STRUGGLE TO FOIL ''SCHEMES'' BY MUBARAK, HUSSEIN AND ARAFAT.

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LIBYAN LEADER IN DAMASCUS FOR TALKS
DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - MAJ. ABDEL-SALAM JALLOUD, SECOND IN COMMAND TO LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY, ARRIVED IN DAMASCUS FRIDAY FOR TALKS WITH SYRIAN OFFICIALS, OFFICIAL SOURCES SAID.
JALLOUD WAS GREETED AT DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY SYRIAN VICE PRESIDENT ABDUL-HALIM KHADDAM. THE TWO OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY WENT INTO A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING, ACCORDING TO THE SOURCES, WHO DECLINED TO BE NAMED.
DETAILS OF THE TALKS WERE NOT DISCLOSED. THE TWO LEADERS WERE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS RTHE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AS WELL AS THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR.
SYRIA AND LIBYA ARE THE ONLY TWO ARAB COUNTRIES SUPPORTING PERSIAN IRAN IN ITS FOUR-YEAR-OLD WAR WITH THE ARAB NATION OF IRAQ. JALLOUD'S VISIT TO DAMASCUS FOLLOWED A VISIT LAST WEEK BY IRANIAN PRESIDENT ALI KHAMENEI TO SYRIA AND LIBYA.
THE SOURCES SAID JALLOUD ALSO WOULD MEET WITH PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA LEADERS DURING HIS STAY HERE.
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SYRIA-LIBYA

ASSAD MAKES SECOND VISIT IN FOUR DAYS TO LIBYA

TRIPOLI, LIBYA (AP) - SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD MADE HIS SECOND VISIT IN FOUR DAYS TO LIBYA FOR TALKS WITH LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY, THE LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY JANA REPORTED MONDAY.

JANA SAID ASSAD FLEW INTO THE EASTERN PORT CITY OF BENGHAZI SUNDAY NIGHT AND LEFT ON MONDAY AFTER TALKS WITH KHADAFY. THE SYRIAN HAD ENDED A PREVIOUS TWO-DAY TRIP TO LIBYA ON SATURDAY.

THE BRIEF DISPATCH DID NOT SAY WHAT THE TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, DAMASCUS RADIO REPORTED THEY DISCUSSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION AND THE ''ARAB ARENA.''

THE VISIT FOLLOWS A TOUR OF ARAB NATIONS BY KHADAFY THAT TOOK HIM TO ALGERIA, TUNISIA AND MOROCCO. DURING THE TOUR, KHADAFY SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO MERGE HIS NATION WITH MOROCCO, WHICH BORDERS LIBYA TO THE WEST.

MOROCCAN AND LIBYAN OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THE MERGER WILL BE OPEN TO ANY OTHER INTERESTED ARAB NATIONS. A SIMILAR AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN LIBYA AND SYRIA IN 1980. BUT SYRIA, ABOUT 1,000 KILOMETERS (620 MILES) NORTHEAST OF LIBYA, LATER BACKED OUT OF THE PACT.

JANA DID NOT SAY WHERE ASSAD WENT AFTER HE LEFT LIBYA. HOWEVER, SOURCES IN TRIPOLI SAID THEY BELIEVED HE WENT TO ALGERIA.

ALGERIA HAS CRITICIZED THE LIBYAN-MOROCCAN MERGER PLAN. THE NATION BACKS POLISARIO GUERRILLAS FIGHTING A DRAWN-OUT WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE IN THE FORMER SPANISH SAHARA DESERT, WHICH MOROCCO HAS ANNEXED.

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MOROCCAN AND, ETC. 5TH GRAF PVS. (LT)

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SYRIA-LIBYA

SYRIA SUPPORTS LIBYA AGAINST AMERICAN AGGRESSION

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) -- SYRIA PLEDGED ON MONDAY TO SUPPORT LIBYA AGAINST ANY ''AMERICAN AGGRESSION'' ARISING FROM U.S. SUPPORT FOR LIBYA'S NEIGHBOR, SUDAN.

THE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVEALED BY AN AUTHORITATIVE SYRIAN OFFICIAL WHO WISHED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, CAME AFTER AMERICA DISPATCHED TWO EARLY WARNING PLANES TO SUDAN LAST MONTH TO GUARD AGAINST POSSIBLE LIBYAN MOVES AGAINST THE PRO-WESTERN REGIME OF SUDANESE PRESIDENT GAAFAR NIMEIRI.

THE PLANES WERE SENT AFTER WASHINGTON JOINED EGYPT AND SUDAN IN BLAMING LIBYA FOR THE BOMBING OF SUDAN'S STATE RADIO STATION IN OMDURMAN, A SUBURB OF THE CAPITAL KHARTOUM, ON MARCH 16.

AMERICAN TRANSPORT PLANES ALSO FERRIED A FEW HUNDRED EGYPTIAN AIR DEFENSE SPECIALISTS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT TO KHARTOUM.

ALTHOUGH AMERICAN, BRITISH AND WEST GERMAN DIPLOMATS SUPPORTED SUDAN'S CLAIM THAT THE ATTACKING JET WAS A TU-22 N WHICH IS ONLY OWNED BY LIBYA AND IRAQ, MANY SUDANESE WERE SKEPTICAL OF THEIR GOVERNMENT'S STORY.

SOME BELIEVED NIMEIRI HIMSELF ORDERED THE ATTACK TO GAIN SUPPORT FROM EGYPT AND AMERICA IN HIS BID TO PUT DOWN A LIBYAN-BACKED REBEL- LION IN SOUTH SUDAN. OTHERS THOUGHT THE ATTACKER MIGHT HAVE BEEN A DISSIDENT SUDANESE AIR FORCE PILOT.

''THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, AFTER ITS DEFEAT IN LEBANON, WANTS TO EXPLOIT THE FORGED INCIDENT IN OMDURMAN TO GET THE ARMIES OF EGYPT, LIBYA AND SUDAN BUSY AGAINST EACH OTHER,'' SAID THE OFFICIAL.

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DAMASCUS -- SYRIA-LIBYA 2

''WE DENOUNCE THE AMERICAN PROVOCATIONS AND WE WILL SUPPORT LIBYA IN CASE IT IS SUBJECT TO ANY AGGRESSION ... SYRIA HAS ASSURED LIBYA OF ITS FULL SUPPORT AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE AMERICAN AGGRESSION.''

THE SYRIAN STATE MEDIA CONTINUED TO WARN OF AN AMERICAN-ISRAELI ATTACK ON SYRIA.

''THE AGGRESSION AGAINST SYRIA (IS) BEING PREPARED BY ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES,'' SAID THE DAILY AL-BAATH, ORGAN OF THE RULING ARAB BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY. ''THE AGGRESSORS WILL BE CONFRONTED THIS TIME WITH MORE DETERMINATION AND EFFECTIVENESS.''

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SYRIA-PACT
KUWAIT (AP)--SYRIA PLANS TO JOIN THE FRIENDSHIP PACT CONCLUDED LAST YEAR AMONG LIBYA, SOUTH YEMEN AND ETHIOPIA, THE KUWAIT DAILY AL-WATTAN REPORTED SUNDAY.

QUOTING WELL-INFORMED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, THE PAPER SAID THAT SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDEL HALIM KHADDAM WILL VISIT ADEN AND ADDIS ABABA NEXT WEEK FOR THIS PURPOSE.

PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD OF SYRIA HAS BEEN UNDER PRESSURE OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS BY LIBYAN LEADER MOAMMAR KHADAFY TO JOIN THE PACT, BUT ASSAD HAS BEEN POSTPONING THE STEP, THE SOURCES SAID.

THEY ADDED THAT THE RECENT WITHHOLDING OF FINANCIAL AID TO SYRIA BY GULF ARAB STATES SERVED AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE ASSAD GOVERNMENT TO GO AHEAD WITH THE PLAN.

KUWAIT'S PARLIAMENT VOTED LAST MONTH TO WITHHOLD PAYMENT OF KUWAIT'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE FINANCING OF SYRIAN FORCES IN LEBANON.

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SYRIA-LIBYA

SYRIAN AND LIBYAN LEADERS DISCUSS MILITARY MERGER

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP)--LIBYAN STRONGMAN MOAMMAR KHADAFY LEFT FOR HOME THURSDAY AFTER A FOUR DAY VISIT DURING WHICH HE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A +MILITARY MERGER+ BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD, INFORMED SOURCES HERE SAID.

THE LIBYAN LEADER ARRIVED HERE MONDAY AFTER A TOUR OF GULF STATES TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR HIS CALL TO HOLD AN ARAB SUMMIT TO DISCUSS U.S. POLICIES IN THE REGION, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE U.S.-LIBYAN AERIAL BATTLE OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN IN WHICH TWO SOVIET-MADE LIBYAN FIGHTERS WERE SHOT DOWN. IT WAS THE FIRST VISIT BY THE LIBYAN LEADER TO SYRIA SINCE 1979.

SYRIA AND LIBYA DECLARED THE MERGER OF THEIR GEORGRAPHICALLY DISTANT COUNTRIES LAST SEPTEMBER BUT TALKS TO COMPLETE THE UNITY PLAN HAVE BEEN STALLED.

ACCORDING TO SYRIAN NEWSPAPERS, THE TALKS BETWEEN ASSAD AND KHADAFY CONCENTRATED MAINLY ON THE MERGER PLAN BUT THE LEBANESE LEFTIST DAILY AS-SAFIR QUOTED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN DAMASCUS AS SAYING THE TALKS FOCUSED ON THE NEED FOR A +TOTAL MILITARY MERGER, INCLUDING A UNIFIED COMMAND, DECISION-MAKING AND UNITY IN STRUGGLE.+

THE ARMY CHIEFS OF STAFF OF BOTH LIBYA AND SYRIA HAD MET IN THE LIBYAN CAPITAL OF TRIPOLI IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE U.S.- LIBYAN DOGFIGHT AND AS-SAFIR SAID THE TALKS WERE AIMED AT +MILITARY COORDINATION IN THE LIGHT OF THE U.S. AGGRESSION.

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DAMASCUS-- SYRIA-LIBYA 2
KHADAFY'S VISIT, ACCORDING TO THE SYRIAN PRESS, WAS ALSO
RIMED AT RALLYING SUPPORT FOR LIBYA'S CALL TO HOLD AN ARAB
SUMMIT. AS-SAFIR QUOTED INFORMED SOURCES AS SAYING THE TWO
LEADERS HAD AGREED THAT +THE SUMMIT SHOULD BE HELD TO CONFRONT
THE DANGEROUS U.S. ESCALATION OF TENSIONS IN THE AREA; OR
IT SHOULD NOT BE HELD AT ALL.+
THE INDEPENDENT LEBANESE NEWSPAPER AN-NAHAR SAID THE SUMMIT
MIGHT BE PRECEEDED BY A MEETING OF THE FIVE-NATION
+STEADFASTNESS AND CONFRONTATION FRONT+ IN TRIPOLI ON SEPT. 2,
DURING THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF KHADAFY'S ACCESSION
TO POWER.
THE FRONT, WHICH IS OPROSED TO THE U.S. SPONSORED CAMP DAVID
PEACE EFFORT, IS MADE UP OF SYRIA, LIBYA, SOUTH YEMEN, ALGERIA
AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.
SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER ABDUL-RAOUF KASM IS EXPECTED TO BE IN
TRIPOLI FOR THE SEPT. 1 CELEBRATIONS AND AS-SAFIR SAID TALKS
WITH LIBYA'S SECOND IN COMMAND MAJ. ABDEL SALAM JALLOUD WILL
CONTINUE ON THE MERGER PLAN.
A SYRIAN-LIBYAN COORDINATION COMMITTEE HEADED BY JALLOUD
AND KASM HAD BEEN SET UP SHORTLY AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
MERGER ON SEPT. 8. IT INSTRUCTED TO SEEK PRACTICAL STEPS TOWARDS
IMPLEMENTING THE MERGER PLAN.
PLO CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT IS ALSO EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT
AT THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. HE HAS ALSO HELD TALKS WITH
THE LIBYAN LEADER IN DAMASCUS.
AS-SAFIR SAID SYRIA MIGHT PLAY A ROLE IN INFORMING
CONSERVATIVE SAUDI ARABIA OF THE NEED TO CONFRONT U.S.
POLICIES WHETHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE PROPOSED SUMMIT.
(MORE)

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DAMASCUS -- SYRIA-LIBYA 3

THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER AL-BAATH, WHICH SPEAKS FOR ASSAD'S RULING ARAB SOCIALIST BAATH PARTY, SAID IN AN EDITORIAL THAT +THE MEETING IN DAMASCUS OF THE TWO REVOLUTION COMES AT A TIME WHEN THE CONSPIRACIES FACING THE TWO NATIONS HAVE INCREASED BECAUSE THEY ARE THE VANGUARDS OF THE STEADFASTNESS AND CONFRONTATION FRONT.+

IT ADDED: +IN THE LIGHT OF ALL THIS THE VISIT BY BROTHER KHADAFY AND THE TALKS AND CONTACTS MADE DURING HIS VISIT INCREASES THE CAPACITY OF THE ARABS TO CONFRONT THE PRESENT PROVOCATIONS AND CAMP DAVID CONSPIRACIES BECAUSE THE VISIT HAS STRENGTHENED THE UNION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, LIBYA AND SYRIA.+

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Q H511 07 04 16

DAMASCUS -- SYRIA-LIBYA 4 (REOPENS H506)

IN BEIRUT, THE PRO-IRAQI LEFTIST NEWSPAPER AL-LIWA QUOTED INFORMED ARAB SOURCES IN THE LEBANESE CAPITAL AS SAYING LIBYA IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF CUTTING OFF OIL SUPPLIES TO THE UNITED STATES. IT ADDED LIBYA HAS WEIGHING THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH AN EMBARGO ON THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS ON LIBYA'S ECONOMY.

LIBYA EXPORTS 475,000 BARRELS OF CRUDE OIL PER DAY TO THE UNITED STATES, ROUGHLY EIGHT PER CENT OF TOTAL U.S. DAILY IMPORTS OF 6.2 MILLION BARRELS.

LIBYA CURRENTLY PRODUCES 1.7 MILLION BARRELS PER DAY.

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Q H520 07 16 04

SYRIA-LIBYA

MERGER TALKS TO RESUME

BY NICOLAS B. TATRO

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP)--SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD AND LIBYAN LEADER MOAMMAR KHADAFY HAVE AGREED DURING A FOUR-DAY SUMMIT THAT ENDED THURSDAY TO RESTART TALKS AIMED AT MERGING THE TWO PRO-SOVIET MIDEAST REGIMES, SYRIAN SOURCES SAID.

THE SOURCES, WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED, SAID PRIME MINISTER ABDEL RAOUF AL KASM OF SYRIA WAS TO TRAVL TO TRIPOLI ON SEPT. 1, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1969 MILITARY COUP THAT BROUGHT KHADAFY TO POWER, AND THAT HE WOULD STAY ON TO REOPEN THE MERGER TALKS.

KHADAFY ACTIVELY SOUGHT THE REACTIVATION OF THE MERGER PLAN DURING HIS VISIT, STRESSING IN NEWSPAPER STATEMENTS THE NEED TO TAKE PRACTICAL STEPS TO JOIN THE TWO HARDLINE STATES.

THE LIBYAN LEADER FIRST PROPOSED THE UNION LAST SEPT. 1 AND ASSAD TRAVELED TO THE LIBYAN CAPITAL TO LAUNCH THE PROJECT BUT THE TALKS FELL DORMANT AFTER THE TWO SIDES FAILED TO AGREE ON HOW TO INTEGRATE THE DISPARATE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS.

INSTEAD, THE SOURCES SUGGESTED, THE TWO ARAB STATES WOULD STRESS MILITARY COOPERATION. ONE SOURCE SAID THE TALKS FOCUSED ON +ACHIEVING MILITARY UNION BETWEEN SYRIA AND LIBYA+ AND THE TWO PLEDGED TO CONTRIBUTE WHAT THEY COULDTO IMPROVE SUCH COOPERATION.

BEFORE KHADAFY FLEW HOME THURSDAY, HE AND ASSAD MET SYRIAN AIR FORCE COMMANDERS IN AN APPARENT DEMONSTRATION OF THE SUMMIT'S MAIN THRUST.

THE MORE THAN 600 MILES THAT SEPARATE THE TWO MEDITERRANEAN NATIONS PRECLUDES A COMBINATION THAT WOULD UPSET THE BALANCE OF MILITARY FORCES IN THE REGION, WESTERN OBSERVERS SAID.

(MORE) (NT-FN)

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DAMASCUS - SYRIA-LIBYA 2
BUT THE TWO STATES HAVE COOPERATED RECENTLY IN THE MILITARY FIELD WITH LIBYA MOVING THROUGH SYRIA FRESH ARMS SUPPLIES FOR THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS DURING THEIR CONFLICT WITH ISRAEL IN SOUTH LEBANON LAST MONTH.

LIBYA'S PETRODOLLARS AND SURPLUS STOCKS OF ADVANCED SOVIET WEAPONS COULD ALSO BE USEFUL FOR SYRIA'S 800,000 -MAN ARMY AND SYRIA HAS MANPOWER AND WELL-TRAINED MILITARY EXPERTS THAT COULD REINFORCE KHADAFY'S MILITARY MACHINE, WHICH PERCEIVES A THREAT FROM PRO-WESTERN EGYPT THATNKM ITS EASTERN BORDERS.

WESTERN DIPLOMATS SUGGESTED THAT KHADAFY LEFT WITH LESS THAN HE HAD HOPED FOR OUT OF THE DAMASCUS SUMMIT. +THE ONLY PRACTICAL RESULT OF THE TALKS WAS A SYRIAN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT 'THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBYAN REVOLUTION WOULD BE CELEBRATED AS A HOLIDAY IN SYRIA,+ SAID ONE WESTERN DIPLOMAT, WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED.

NONETHELESS, KHADAFY'S MIDEAST SWING HELPED THE LIBYAN LEADER PATCH UP DIFFERENCES WITH CONSERVATIVE GULF ARAB STATES AS WELL AS REINFORCE RELATIONS WITH MORE RADICAL REGIMES. DURING HIS TOUR, KHADAFY MET WITH THE LEADERS OF KUWAIT AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AFTER SIGNING A FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH PRO-SOVIET SOUTH YEMEN AND ETHIPIA.

THE DIPLOMAT SAID THAT IN THIS KHADAFY GOT A BOOST FROM THE CLASH LAST WEEK IN WHICH THE U.S. PENTAGON SAID TWO LIBYAN PLANES WERE DOWNED OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN OFF THE LIBYAN COAST. +THE DOGFIGHT WITH THE AMERICAN PLANES EARNED KHADAFY NEW ACCEPTABILITY IN THE ARAB WORLD AND HELPED HIM BREAK OUT OF THE ISOLATION HE HAD BEEN SUFFERING FROM,+ SAID ONE DIPLOMAT.

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1746G 08 27 81

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Q H520 07 16 04

(REPEATING H517)

LIBYA-SYRIA

KHADAFY IS BUOYED BY BROAD ARAB SUPPORT FOR HIS CONFLICT WITH THE UNITED STATES

BY NICOLAS B. TATO

>ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP)--LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY IS RIDING HIGH ON A WAVE OF POPULARITY IN THE ARAB WORLD AS A RESULT OF THE LIBYAN-AMERICAN AERIAL BATTLE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SKIES LAST WEEK, WESTERN DIPLOMATS SAID WEDNESDAY.

KHADAFY, ON THE THIRD DAY OF HIS FIRST STATE VISIT TO SYRIA SINCE 1979, MET SEPARATELY WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD AND PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT.

REMARKS BY THE LIBYAN LEADER PUBLISHED IN DAMASCUS NEWSPAPERS WEDNESDAY INDICATED THE MAIN THRUST OF KHADAFY'S VISIT WAS TO RALLY SUPPORT AGAINST U.S. POLICY IN THE REGION AND TO REVIVE MERGER PLANS WITH SYRIA THAT HAVE LANGUISHED SINCE LAST WINTER.

SYRIA'S STATE RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT SEPT. 1, THE ANNIVERSARY OF KHADAFY'S OVERTHROW OF THE MONARCHY IN LIBYA 12 YEARS AGO, WOULD BE A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. THE DATE IS ALSO THE ANNIVERSARY OF KHADAFY'S CALL FOR UNITY OF SYRIA AND LIBYA.

+WE ARE NOW IN A STATE OF MERGER BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES,+ KHADAFY WAS QUOTED AS SAYING IN THE GOVERNMENT DAILY TICHRIN NEWSPAPER. +WE SHALL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO CONTINUE THE MERGER AND CONFIRM ITS EXISTENCE.+

ASSAD, WHILE MAKING NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE MERGER, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, +WE ARE KEEN ABOUT LIBYA AS WE ARE ABOUT OURSELVES. WE SHALL NOT SINK. OTHERS WILL.+

LIBYA AND SYRIA COOPERATED CLOSELY ON MILITARY MATTERS RECENTLY, INCLUDING THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS DURING LAST MONTH'S 15-DAY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS, SOURCES SAID.

BUT PLANS TO COMBINE MINISTERIES AND INTEGRATE THE DISPARATE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE NOT TAKEN SHAPE THUS FAR.

(MORE) (NT/EMFT)

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DAMASCUS - LIBYA-SYRIA 2
KHADAFY, BUOYED UP BY THE BROAD ARAB SUPPORT FROM BOTH PRO-MOSCOW HARDLINE STATES AND CONSERVATIVE GULF OIL NATIONS, CONTINUED TO LASH OUT AGAINST U.S. POLICY. IN THE STATEMENT QUOTED BY TICHRIN THE LIBYAN LEADER REFERRED TO THE +DANGER OF THE AGGRESSION THE UNITED STATES HAS DELIBERATELY PERPETRATED IN THE WATERS AND SKIES OF LIBYA.+

U.S. AND LIBYAN PLANES CLASHED OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN NEAR THE BAY OF SIDRA LAST WEEK, WITH THE PENTAGON SAYING U.S. PLANES SHOT DOWN TWO SOVIET-MADE LIBYAN SU-22 PLANES AND LIBYA SAYING ONE AMERICAN JET WAS DOWNED.

KHADAFY BEGAN HIS TOUR MORE THAN A WEEK AGO WITH A VISIT TO ADEN WHERE HE JOINED SOUTH YEMEN AND ETHIOPIA -- THE SOVIET UNION'S CLOSEST ALLIES IN THE REGION -- IN SIGNING A LONG TERM FRIENDSHIP PACT DESIGNED TO THWART U.S. POLICY GOALS IN THE AREA AND ACT AS A COUNTER BALANCE TO THE PRO-WESTERN STATES OF SUDAN, EGYPT AND SOMALIA IN THE STRATEGIC RED SEA AND INDIAN OCEAN ARENA.

THE CLASH OCCURED WHILE KHADAFY WAS IN SOUTH YEMEN AND, AFTER HE STOPPED OVER IN ETHIOPIA, THE LIBYAN LEADER SET OUT FOR THE PERSIAN GULF, WHERE ARAB LEADERS HAVE SOMETIMES LOOKED ASKANCE AT KHADAFY'S CHANGEABLE POLICIES. IN WHAT OBSERVERS IN THE GULF SAW AS AN ATTEMPT TO RESTORE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN LIBYA AND THE CONSERVATIVE STATES, KHADAFY MET WITH THE RULING PRINCES IN KUWAIT AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES WHERE HE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SENT PEACE FEELERS TO THE SAUDI MONARCHY. LIBYA AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE NO DIPLOMATIC TIES BUT RIYADH JOINED OTHER GULF STATES IN THE GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL IN SUPPORTING LIBYA'S POSITION IN THE CLASH WITH THE U.S. PLANES.

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(REPEATING R519)

DAMASCUS - LIBYA-SYRIA 3

+IT WAS VERY STUPID ON THE U.S. PART,+ ONE WESTERN DIPLOMAT WHO DECLINED TO BE NAMED SAID OF THE CONFRONTATION. +IT PLAYS INTO KHADAFY'S HANDS AND MAKES THE ARABS RALLY AROUND HIM WHETHER THEY WANT TO OR NOT.+

HE ADDED THAT THE ARAB STATES +FEEL THEY HAVE $ TO SUPPORT ANY FELLOW COUNTRY THAT APPEARS TO BE PUSHED AROUND BY A SUPERPOWER.+

A PLO OFFICIAL, WHO DECLINED TO BE NAMED, SAID THAT +NOT A SINGLE ARAB STATE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EGYPT TOOK AMERICA'S SIDE AGAINST THE LIBYANS AND KHADAFY HAS OBVIOUSLY EARNED A GREAT DEAL OF INTER-ARAB POPULARITY AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT.+

KHADAFY'S SOMETIMES HAKY RELATIONS WITH THE PLO HAVE IMPROVED MARKEDLY IN THE PAST MONTHS. A PLO OFFICIAL ESTIMATED THAT THE ARMS SHIPMENTS AND CASH PAYMENTS TO VARIOUS GROUPS IN THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION TOTAL ABOUT SIX TO SEVEN MILLION U.S. DOLLARS A MONTH, WITH NEARLY HALF GOING TO ARAFAT'S OWN FATAH MAINLINE GUERRILLA GROUP.

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CORRECTION

DAMASCUS - LIBYA-SYRIA, TO CORRECT NAME OF ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER TO TATRO, READ IN FIRST TAKE H520, BY NICOLAS B. TATRO INSTEAD OF TATO.

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Q T512 07 04 16

LEAD KHADAFY

EDS: UPDATES WITH KHADAFY REVIVING MERGER CALL WITH SYRIA

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP)-LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHDAFAY REVIVED A DORMANT PLAN FOR THE MERGER OF LIBYA AND SYRIA TUESDAY, CALLING FOR PRACTICAL MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT A NEARLY YEAR-OLD MERGER AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

KHADAFY WAS ADDRESSING A JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL (LOCAL) AND PAN-ARAB COMMANDS OF THE SYRIAN RULING ARAB SOCIALIST BAATH PARTY UNDER PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD.

+WE CONSIDER SYRIA AND LIBYA IN A STATUS OF MERGER. BUT WE MUST ADOPT MATERIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO GUARANTEE THE CONTINUATION OF THIS MERGER AND CONSOLIDATE IT,+ KHADAFY TOLD THE MEETING.

KHADAFY FIRST PROPOSED THE MERGER BETWEEN SYRIA AND HIS NORTH AFRICAN ARAB NATION IN A SPEECH LAST SEPT. 1 MARKING THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF A BLOODLESS COUP WHICH BROUGHT HIM TO POWER IN LIBYA.

AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE MERGER WAS REACHED DURING A VISIT TO TRIPOLI BY ASSAD SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, WITH THE FRAME-WORK OF THE MERGER LEFT TO BE WORKED OUT BY EXPERT COMMITTEES. MEANWHILE, THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO COOPERATE AND COORDINATE THEIR POLICIES. (MORE) (LF/JP)

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DAMASCUS--LEAD KHADAFY 2

REFERRING TO LAST WEDNESDAY'S AERIAL ENCOUNTER BETWEEN LIBYAN AND U.S. JETS OVER THE SIDRA GULF, KHADAFY SAID:

+WE ARE VERY KEEN ON SYRIA'S STABILITY AND STEADFASTNESS IN OUR CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL AND THE DELIBERATE AND PREMEDIATED AMERICAN AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ARAB NATION.+

IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, ASSAD TOLD KHADAFY +WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT SAILING IN TROUBLED WATERS, BUT WE WILL NOT SINK. THE OTHERS WILL. WE ARE VERY KEEN LIBYA AS WE ARE ON URSELVES.+

EARLIER IN THE DAY KHADAFY CONFERRED WITH ASSAD AND OTHER SYRIAN OFFICIALS. HE LATER MET WITH PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT AND LEADERS OF THE LEBANESE NATIONAL MOVEMENT, THE UMBRELLA BODY OF PALESTINIAN-LEFTIST-MOSLEM FORCES WHICH FOUGHT AGAINST AN ALLIANCE OF CHRISTIAN MILITIAS IN THE LEBANESE CIVIL WAR.

SOURCES SAID FURTHER MEETINGS WERE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, AND THAT KHADAFY WAS EXPECTED TO LEAVE +BEFORE THURSDAY.+ IT WAS NOT CLEAR EXACTLY WHEN THE LIBYAN LEADER WOULD LEAVE AND WHAT WAS HIS NEXT STOP.

KHADAFAY ARRIVED XXX 2ND GRAF H509. (LF/JP)

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KHADAFY

LIBYAN LEADER MEETS SYRIAN PRESIDENT

BY LOUIS FARES

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP)--LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY MET PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD AND OTHER TOP SYRIAN OFFICIALS TUESDAY, THE LATEST STEP IN A 10-DAY TOUR OF ARAB CAPITALS AIMED AT PRESENTING A UNITED FRONT AGAINST WHAT LIBYAN OFFICIALS HAVE TERMED +AMERICAN AGGRESSION+ IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

KHADAFY ARRIVED IN SYRIA ON MONDAY AFTER VISITING THE RULERS OF KUWAIT, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND SOUTH YEMEN, AS WELL AS THE RULER OF THE NORTH AFRICAN NATION OF ETHIOPIA.

THE LIBYAN STRONGMAN, FLANKED BY HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, ALI ABDELSALAM TUREIKI, AND ANOTHER TOP ADVISER, ABDEL-ATI OBEIDI, CONFERRED ON TUESDAY WITH ASSAD AND SENIOR OFFICIALS IN SYRIA'S RULING BAATHIST PARTY. KHADAFY AND ASSAD HAD A PRIVATE TALK MONDAY NIGHT BEFORE THE BANQUET HONORING THE LIBYAN LEADER.

YASSER ARAFAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, CAME TO DAMASCUS ON MONDAY, BUT SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL WORD ON HIS EXPECTED MEETING WITH KHADAFY.

THE SYRIAN NEWSPAPER TISHRIN, OFFICIAL VOICE OF ASSAD'S PRO-SOVIET REGIME, SAID IN AN EDITORIAL TUESDAY: +THE VISIT OF BROTHER MOAMMAR KHADAFY TO DAMASCUS IS NOT JUST A BRIEF TRANSIT STOP BUT IS FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS BROTHER HAFEZ ASSAD TO MAP OUT THE BEST STRATEGY OF TOTAL COOPERATION AND HARMONY BETWEEN SYRIA AND THE JAMAHIRIYAH (LIBYAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC) IN ORDER TO CONFRONT THE ENEMY'S CONSPIRACY, ENCOURAGED BY SOME ARAB COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE CAMP DAVID TRAINGLE+ -- A REFERENCE TO THE U.S.-SPONSORED PEACE TREATY BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

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ANOTHER DAMASCUS DAILY, THE BAATH PARTY'S AL-THAWRA, CALLED THE KHADAFY-ASSAD TALKS +A STEP FORWARD TOWARDS THE STRENGTHENING OF ARAB STEADFASTNESS AND TO PROVIDE WHATEVER IS NECESSARY FOR THE CONFRONTATION TO SUIT THE AIMS OF ALL THE ARAB NATIONS AND THEIR GOALS.+

A SENIOR KHADAFY AIDE SAID MONDAY THAT THE LIBYAN LEADER WAS WORKING ON PLANS FOR EN EMERGENCY ARAB SUMMIT +TO DISCUSS AMERICA'S AGGRESSIVE SCHEMES, IN ADDITION TO OIL, THE MIDDLE EAST IN GENERAL AND LEBANON.+ THE AIDE SAID THE RULING SHEIKS OF KUWAIT AND THE U.A.E. HAD AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A SUMMIT.

CONSERVATIVE GULF STATES HAD JOINED THE HARDLINE PRO-SOVIET STATES SUCH AS SYRIA AND SOUTH YEMEN IN CONDEMNING LAST WEDNESDAY'S AERIAL CLASH OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN IN WHICH TWO U.S. FIGHTER JETS SHOT DOWN TWO LIBYAN WARPLANES.

LIBYA'S DESIRE TO INCLUDE LEBANON ON THE AGENDA OF A SUMMIT DOVETAILS WITH CALLS BY LEBANESE PRESIDENT ELIAS SARKIS FOR AN ARAB SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF HIS SMALL NATION, WHICH HAS BEEN SPLINTERED BY SECTARIAN STRIFE SINCE THE 1975-76 CIVIL WAR AND WHICH LAST MONTH WAS THE TARGET OF MASSIVE AIR, SEA AND LAND ATTACKS DURING ISRAEL'S 15-DAY OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS WHO MAKE SOUTHERN LEBANON THEIR BASE. A LEBANON SUMMIT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A VEHICLE FOR A PAN-ARAB DISCUSSION OF U.S. MIDDLE EASTERN POLICIES.

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SYRIA -LIBYA

AN AP FEATURE

BY NICOLAS B . TATRO

DAMASCUS , SYRIA (AP) -- PLANS FOR A MERGER OF SYRIA AND LIBYA HAVE FADED INTO THE BACKGROUND AND NEWS ABOUT THE FIVE -MONTH -OLD UNITY CHEME IS VIRTUALLY ABSENT FROM THE HEADLINES IN THE STATE -CONTROLLED MEDIA HERE .

WHILE NO ONE HAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED THE UNITY PLANS DEAD , MOST DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS BELIEVE THE SCHEME WILL EVENTUALLY BE DISCARDED .

OBSERVERS HERE NOTE THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT EITHER SIDE WILL RENOUNCE THE MERGER PLAN SINCE THE CONCEPT OF A UNIFIED ARAB WORLD IS SACRED TO BOTH LEADERSHIPS AND A KEYSTONE OF SYRIA 'S BAATH PARTY .

THE REASON IS THAT THE TWO ARAB NATIONS COULD NOT AGREE ON WHAT FORM A UNIFIED STATE WOULD TAKE . SYRIA FAVORED A LOOSE FEDERATION WHILE LIBYA HAS INSISTED ITS POLITICAL SYSTEM BE ADOPTED IN A FULL MERGER , DIPLOMATS HERE SAY .

LIBYAN LEADER MOAMMAR KHADAFY CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A SINGLE STATE IN SPEECH SEPTEMBER 1. SYRIA 'S PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD PROMPTLY ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL AND FLEW OFF TO TRIPOLI TO TALK ABOUT IT .

A UNIFIED STATE WAS OFFICIALLY DECLARED AND COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED TO FORMULATE PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THE IDEA . FIVE MONTHS HAVE PASSED , HOWEVER , WITH NO SIGN OF A RETURN VISIT FROM KHADAFY EVEN THOUGH ASSAD HAS TWICE FLOWN TO LIBYA .

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''IT JUST BROKE DOWN OVER DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS OF WHAT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ,'' SAID ONE WESTERN DIPLOMAT . ''KHADAFY WANTED A REPLICA OF LIBYA , DISSOLUTION OF THE SYRIAN BAATH PARTY AND PEOPLES COMMITTEES TO REPLACE IT .''

SYRIA INSISTED THAT THE RULING BAATH PARTY REMAIN IN CONTROL AND THAT THE TWO ARAB NATIONS RETAIN THEIR OWN SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT , THE DIPLOMATS SAID .

ONE REASON SYRIA IS CAUTIOUS , THE DIPLOMATS SAY , IS THAT ASSAD 'S GOVERNMENT FEARS A REPETITION OF THE 1958-61 UNION WITH EGYPT , WHEN THE BAATH PARTY WAS DISSOLVED AND EGYPT DOMINATED THE MERGED NATIONS .

ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL AIMS OF THE UNION WAS TO COMBINE MILITARY AND POLITICAL MIGHT TO PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL , WHICH HAS OCCUPIED THE SYRIAN GOLAN HEIGHTS SINCE THE 1967 WAR .

DIPLOMATS SAY THAT SYRIA WAS KEENLY INTERESTED IN LIBYA 'S OIL WEALTH , ESPECIALLY SINCE RELATIONS HAVE BEEN SEVERED WITH NEIGHBORING IRAQ -- A MAJOR AID DONOR BEFORE SYRIA SIDED WITH IRAN IN THE IRAN -IRAQ WAR .

WESTERN OBSERVERS SAY THAT LIBYA HAS ONLY PROVIDED ABOUT 100 MILLION DOLLARS TO SYRIA SINCE THE MERGER PLANS WERE ANNOUNCED , DESPITE REPORTS KHADAFY HAD PROMISED TO PAY ONE BILLION DOLLARS DIRECTLY TO MOSCOW FOR NEW ARMS AND 600 MILLION DOLLARS TO DAMASCUS IN BUDGET SUPPORT AID .

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LIBYA 'S RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF A MERGER PLAN WITH ITS SOUTHERN NEIGHBOR CHAD WAS GREETED WITH SILENCE BY THE SYRIAN MEDIA , APPARENTLY BECAUSE IT CAME AS A SURPRISE .

''IT WAS LIKE A GROOM TAKING A SECOND BRIDE JUST AFTER HE MARRIED THE FIRST ,'' SAID ONE SYRIAN OBSERVER .

IN ADDITION TO POLITICAL PROBLEMS , THE TWO STATES ARE 500 MILES (804 KILOMETERS) APART BY AIR AND SEPARATED ON THE GROUND BY THEIR TWO BIGGEST ENEMIES -- EGYPT AND ISRAEL .

SYRIA HAS A STATE -CONTROLLED ECONOMY BUT TOLERATES A LIVELY PRIVATE SECTOR WHILE LIBYA HAS ABOLISHED ALL FORMS OF CAPITALISM .

£ WITH THESE PROBLEMS IN MIND , PUBLISHED REPORTS IN THE ARAB PRESS HAVE SUGGESTED SYRIA PROPOSED A LIMITED MERGER SCHEME THAT INITIALLY CALLED FOR SIX FEDERAL MINISTRIES : FOREIGN AFFAIRS , INFORMATION AND CULTURE , ECONOMY AND FINANCE , DEFENSE , INTERIOR (POLICE) AND DUCATION . LIBYA 'S PROPOSALS HAVE NOT BEEN REVEALED .

COMMITTEES OF THE TWO NATIONS MET DECEMBER 22 TO FURTHER STUDY UNITY PLANS BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION THEY ARE ANY CLOSER TO AGREEMENT .

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LIBYA-SYRIA

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP)--SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD FLEW TO LIBYA MONDAY TO WORK OUT THE FINAL DETAILS OF A MERGER PLAN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN WORKING ON FOR NEARLY THREE MONTHS, OFFICIALS HERE SAID.

ASSAD AND LIBYAN LEADER MOAMMAR KHADAFY ANNOUNCED A MERGER SCHEME ON SEPT. 10 IN WHICH THEY OUTLINED A 13 POINT PLAN TO UNIFY THEIR TWO COUNTRIES.

ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, CONCLUDED IN THE LIBYAN CAPITAL, TRIPOLI, THE TWO LEADERS WERE TO MEET A MONTH FOLLOWING THE MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT. BUT OFFICIALS HERE SAID THE +CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE ARAB WORLD+ DELAYED THE MEETING.

THIS WAS A REFERENCE TO THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR AND THE BORDER CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SYRIA AND JORDAN, WHICH BEGAN JUST BEFORE THE JORDAN-HOSTED ARAB SUMMIT OF NOV. 25 AND LASTED FOR TWO WEEKS. THE CRISIS WAS DEFUSED LAST WEEK FOLLOWING SAUDI ARABIAN MEDIATION.

OBSERVERS HERE WERE PESSIMISTIC THE TALKS WOULD ACHIEVE FULL MERGER BECAUSE OF THE DEEP DIFFERENCES IN THE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

BUT THE GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER, TICHRIN, STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF +ADOPTING UNIONIST STEPS UNDER THE PRESENT COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES FACING THE ARAB WORLD,+ THE NEWSPAPER SAID, ADDING, +ABOVE ALL THE UNION IS THE ANSWER TO ALL SURRENDERIST SOLUTIONS IN THE AREA.+

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THE TWO PRO-SOVIET STATES HAD VOWED THEIR UNITY PLAN WOULD SUCCEED AND BECOME +THE BASE OF ALL OPPOSITION AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM AND THE BACKBONE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATTION.+

DESPITE THE PHYSICAL DISTANCE BETWEEN TRIPOLI AND DAMASCUS, 500 MILES BY AIR, SYRIA AND LIBYA CONTEND THEIR UNION WOULD BE A STEP TOWARDS ENDING ISRAEL'S MILITARY SUPERIORITY IN THE AREA.

THE UNITY COULD SERVE TO BOLSTER ASSAD'S POSITION AS A PAN-ARAB LEADER AND FULFILL KHADAFY'S DREAM OF ARAB UNITY. SYRIA, WITH A WEAK ECONOMIC STRUCTURE WOULD, ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE OIL-RICH NORTH AFRICAN STATE. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS HAD SAID LIBYA POURED 1.6 BILLION U.S. DOLLARS INTO THE SYRIAN TREASURY SHORTLY AFTER THE MERGER AGREEMENT TO FINANCE SYRIA'S NEED FOR SOVIET-MADE ARMS, BADLY NEEDED TO UPHOLD SYRIA'S ROLE AS A CONFRONTATION STATE WITH ISRAEL.

SYRIA AND LIBYA, ALONG WITH THE PLO, SOUTH YEMEN AND ALGERIA COMPRISE THE HARDLINE STEADFASTNESS AND CONFRONTATION FRONT OPPOSED TO THE U.S. SPONSORED CAMP DAVID PEACE EFFORT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

THE SYRIAN DELEGATION INCLUDES SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER ABDEL RAOUF KASM, FOREIGN MINISTER ABDEL HALIM KHADDAM, INFORMATION MINISTER AHMAD ISKANDAR AND THE BAATH PARTY'S UNDERSECRETARY ZOUHEIR MECHARKA, THE OFFICIALS SAID.

OBSERVERS HERE SAW THE EXLUSION OF DEFENSE MINISTER MOUSTAFA TLASS AND OTHER MILITARY OFFICIALS FROM THE DELEGATION AS SIGNIFICANT, INDICATING THAT NO STEPS WERE LIKELY TO BE TAKEN ON A MILITARY LEVEL.

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SYRIA-LIBYA (NY: ADV FOR SPOTTING)

BY NICOLAS B. TATRO

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP)--SYRIA IS LAUNCHED ON ITS FOURTH ATTEMPT AT UNION WITH ANOTHER ARAB STATE IN 20 YEARS. OFFICIALS HERE SAY THEY ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE A MERGER WITH LIBYA WORK DESPITE ADMITTED DIFFICULTIES.

AN ARAB WORLD WITHOUT BOUNDARIES OR FEUDING POTENTATES IS THE IDEAL OF PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD'S RULING BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY AND SYRIAN OFFICIALS SAY THERE IS MORE TO UNITE THE TWO NATIONS THAN DIVIDE THEM.

BUT SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ARE CONSIDERABLE:

--GEORGRAPHICALLY THE TWO STATES ARE 500 MILES (ABOUT 804 KILOMETERS) APART BY AIR AND SEPARATED ON THE GROUND BY THEIR TWO BIGGEST ENEMIES, ISRAEL AND EGYPT.

-- ECONOMICALLY, SYRIA HAS A STATE-RUN ECONOMY WITH A FLOURISHING PRIVATE SECTOR WHILE LIBYAN REVOLUTIONARY LEADER MOAMMAR KHADAFY HAS ABOLISHED CAPITALISM.

--POLITICALLY, SYRIA IS RULED BY THE BAATH PARTY AND A TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE THAT PROVIDES FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT. KHADAFY HAS NO OFFICIAL POST AND PEOPLES CONGRESSES RUN LOCAL ENTERPRISES IN LIBYA.

THERE ARE FOREIGN POLICY DIFFERENCES AS WELL. SYRIA HAS CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED IT IS ULTIMATELY WILLING TO NEGOTIATE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT WHILE KHADAFY HAS REJECTED ANY SOLUTION EXCEPT A MILITARY ONE. LIBYA HAS OPENLY CALLED FOR THE ARABS TO BACK IRAN IN THE WAR WITH IRAQ WHILE SYRIA HAS ADOPTED AN OFFICIALLY NEUTRAL POSITION.

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THE AMBITIOUS MERGER PROCLAMATION ANNOUNCED DURING ASSAD'S VISIT TO TRIPOLI IN SEPTEMBER STRESSED THEIR SHARED BELIEF IN +ARAB UNITY, SOCIALISM AND LIBERATION OF (ISRAELI) OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS.+
WESTERN DIPLOMATS SAY SYRIA, RICH IN MANPOWER WITH A POPULATION OF 8.8 MILLION, EXPECTS TO GAIN MILITARILY AND ECONOMICALLY FROM THE MERGER WITH LIBYA, AN OIL-PRODUCING STATE THAT IS EXPECTED TO EARN 15 BILLION DOLLARS IN OIL REVENUES THIS YEAR.
TOGETHER, LIBYA AND SYRIA WOULD BE ABLE TO MUSTER AN ARMY OF A QUARTER MILLION WITH 4,600 TANKS AND 590 COMBAT AIRCRAFT TO CONFRONT ISRAEL'S 40,000 MAN ARMY BACKED BY 3,050 U.S.-MADE TANKS AND 576 WARPLANES.
LIBYA'S POSITION WOULD ALSO BE BOLSTERED MILITARY WITH SYRIAN FORCES ON CALL IN THE EVENT OF RENEWED BORDER FIGHTING WITH WGYPT AND ITS 367,000-MAN ARMY AS HAPPENED IN JULY 1977.
LIBYA', A NATION OF ONLY THREE MILLION, HAS A SMALL ARMY OF ABOUT 53,000 BUT AN UNUSUALLY LARGE SUPPLY OF SOVIET HARDWARE INCLUDING 2,400 TANKS AND 287 WARPLANES.
THUS FAR, KHADAFY HAS NOT PAID A RETURN VISIT TO SYRIA AND THE ONLY TANGIBLE STEP TAKEN WAS A LIBYAN DECISION TO DROP PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR SYRIANS TRAVELING TO THE NORTH AFRICAN STATE.
TOP-LEVEL COMMITTEES IN BOTH SYRIA AND LIBYA ARE DRAFTING THEIR CONCEPTS OF WHAT SHAPE THE UNION WILL TAKE, BUT NO DETAILS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED.
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+IT WILL WORK, THERE WILL BE ONE COUNTRY,+ SYRIAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NASSER QADOOR SAID IN A RECENT INTERVIEW. +OF COURSE, WHEN THIS IS ESTABLISHED IT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY GEORGRAPHIC, AS WELL AS, POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES.+
HE ADDED THAT THE UNION WOULD HAVE +NO RIGID CENTRAL RULE.+
A HIGH-RANKING SYRIAN OFFICIAL, WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED, DISMISSED AS +SPECULATION+ REPORTS FROM UNOFFICIAL SOURCES THAT AGREEMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN REACHED ON DAMASCUS BEING THE CAPITAL OF A COMBINED STATE AND ASSAD TAKING OVER THE LEADERSHIP ROLE.
PUBLISHED REPORTS HAVE SAID THE SYRIAN COMMITTEE HAS DRAFTED A PLAN THAT CALLS FOR CREATION OF SIX FEDERAL MINISTRIES: FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INFORMATION AND CULTURE, ECONOMY AND FINANCE, DEFENSE, INTERIOR (POLICE) AND EDUCATION.
NOTICEABLY ABSENT FROM THAT PLAN IS ANY SIGN OF A MERGER OF POLITICAL SYSTEMS. THE LONDON-BASED AL HAWADESS MAGAZINE SAID SYRIAN BAATHISTS REFUSE TO REPEAT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE MERGER WITH EGYPT AND DISSOLVE THE PARTY THAT RULES BY CONSTITUTIONAL MANDATE.
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SYRIA FIRST ATTEMPTED UNITY IN 1958 WITH EGYPT, A MERGER THAT LASTED 44 MONTHS UNTIL A COUP WAS STAGED BY RIGHTIST OFFICERS OF THE SYRIAN ARMY. SYRIA ALSO JOINED IN THE 1971 FEDERATION OF ARAB STATES WITH LIBYA AND EGYPT THAT NEVER GOT OFF THE GROUND. A 1978 MERGER ATTEMPT WITH IRAQ ALSO FAILED.

THE CURRENT ATTEMPT BEGAN WITH A CALL FROM KHADAFY ON SEPT . 1 AND WAS IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTED BY ASSAD.

+WHEN KHADAFY CALLED, WE RESPONDED BECAUSE WE WOULD RESPOND TO ANY UNITY CALL FROM KHADAFY OR ANYBODY ELSE,+ SAID QADOOR.

THE REASON IS THAT SYRIAN BAATHISTS BELIEVE THE UNION OF ARAB NATIONS, WHICH ALREADY SHARE A COMMON LANGUAGE AND RELIGION, IS A RETURN TO T NATURAL STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE MIDEAST.

+SIXTY YEARS AGO THERE WERE NO BOUNDARIES IN THE ARAB WORLD,+ SAID QADOOR. +THE OTTOMAN CALIPH'S REPRESENTATIVE RULED THE WHOLE ARAB WORLD FROM DAMASCUS.+

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SYRIA-LIBYA
DAMASCUS-, SYRIA (AP)--LIBYA DROPPED PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR SYRIAN TRAVELERS AS PART OF PLANS TO UNIFY THE TWO NATIONS INTO A SINGLE STATE, LIBYAS TOP DIPLOMAT SAID SATURDAY.

"THIS IS THE FIRST PRACTICAL STEP ON THE ROAD TO A FULL MERGER BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, "LIBYAN CHARGES DAFFAIRES RAMADAN OMAR TOLD REPORTERS. FROM NOW ON, HE SAID, SYRIANS WOULD NEED ONLY IDENTITY CARDS TO ENTER LIBYA.

LIBYAN NATIONALS HAVE BEEN APLE TO ENTER SYRIA WITH ONLY I.D. CARDS SINCE 1971 WHEN THE SHORT-LIVED FEDERATION OF ARAB REPUBLICS WAS FORMED BY SYRIA, LIBYA AND EGYPT.

OMAR SAID THE LIBYAN EMBASSY IN THE SYRIAN CAPITAL HAD BEEN ISSUING ABOUT 100 VISAS A DAY TO SYRIANS WISHING TO TRAVEL TO THE OIL-RICH NORTH AFRICAN NATION, WHERE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SYRIANS ARE WORKING.

LIBYAN LEADER MOAMMAR KHADDAFY AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD ANNOUNCED IN TRIPOLI ON SEPT. 10 THEIR PLAN TO FORM A UNION AND SAID PRACTICAL STEPS WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN A MONTH. KHADDAFY HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO PAY A RETURN VISIT TO SYRIA BUT THUS FAR HAS NOT SET A DATE.
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ARABS
BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP)--LIBYA PLANS TO STATION TROOPS AND WARPLANES IN SYRIA, THE MOST MILITANT ARAB NEIGHBOR OF ISRAEL, WITH TWO WEEKS, THE CONSERVATIVE BEIRUT NEWSPAPER AL BAYRAK REPORTED MONDAY.

IT QUOTED UNNAMED ARAB DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS SAYING THE ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN WORKED OUT BY SYRIAN AND LIBYAN ARMY OFFICERS AS PART OF THE PROCLAIMED MERGER OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

NO OFFICIAL COMMENT WAS AVAILABLE FROM THE SYRIAN CAPITAL AND THE REPORT COULD NOT BE INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED.

AL BAYRAK SAID SHIPS AND MILITARY TRANSPORT PLANES WERE POISED TO CARRY LIBYAN TROOPS TO SYRIA TO TAKE UP PERMANENT POSITIONS ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS FRONT WITH ISRAEL. IT DID NOT REPORT THE SIZE OF THE LIBYAN CONTINGENT.

THE PAPER SAID TWO SQUADRONS OF FRENCH-MADE MIRAGE JET FIGHTERS FROM THE LIBYAN AIR FORCE WILL BE STATIONED AT SYRIAN AIR BASES AS PART OF THE NEW MILITARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

AN AN AIR SQUADRON IS MADE UP OF 12 PLANES IN THE LIBYAN AIR FORCE.
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BEIRUT -- ARABS 2
SYRIA HAS 389 COMBAT AIRCRAFT AND ISRAEL 576, ACCORDING TO THE LONDON-BASED INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES.

LIBYA AND SYRIA AGREED ON SEPT. 1. TO MERGE INTO A SINGLE STATE TO STRENGTHEN ARAB DEFENSES AGAINST ISRAEL FOLLOWING EGYPTS EXIT FROM THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

MOVES WERE REPORTED UNDER WAY IN DAMASCUS AND TRIPOLI TO CHART A NEW COURSE OF CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNIFIED STATE AND ITS TWO PRINCIPAL ALLIES IN THE ARAB WORLD: SOUTH YEMEN AND YASSER ARAFATS PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.

LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY HAS INVITED SOUTH YEMENI PRESIDENT ALI NASSER MOHAMMED AND ARAFAT TO TRIPOLI, THE LIBYAN CAPITAL, BEFORE SEPT. 28., PLO SOURCES HERE DISCLOSED.

RELIABLE SOURCES IN DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN CAPITAL, SAID THE SOUTH YEMENI PRESIDENT WAS EXPECTED TO HOLD TALKS WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD BEFORE PROCEEDING TO TRIPOLI.

SOUTH YEMEN, WHICH SITS ON THE SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE RED SEA, IS THE CLOSEST SOVIET ALLY IN THE ARAB WORLD. IT ALSO IS A MEMBER WITH SYRIA, LIBYA, THE PLO AND ALGERIA OF THE "STEAFASTNESS AND CONFRONTATION FRONT," WHICH IS DEDICATED TO COMBAT THE U.S.-SPONSORED CAMP DAVID PROCESS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN DAMASCUS, MEANWHILE, SAID ASSAD HELD A FIVE-HOUR CONFERENCE WITH ARAFAT SUNDAY NIGHT AND THAT TALKS FOCUSED ON THE SYRIAN-LIBYAN MERGER THAT "WILL LEAD TO ANNIMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE REGION IN THE ARABS FAVOR."

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MERGER REACTION
BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP)--THE SYRIAN-LIBYAN MERGER PROCLAMATION [redacted]CEIVED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM LEFTISTS IN THE ARAB WORLD FRIDAY. [redacted]NSERVATIVE REACTION STILL WAS SCANT.
PRINCE SALMAN BIN ABDUL AZIZ, GOVERNOR OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN CAPITAL OF RIYADH AND KING KHALED S HALF BROTHER, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THE WORLDS LARGEST OIL-EXPORTING NATIONS "BLESSES" THE MERGER.
THE SAUDI NEWSPAPER AL JEZIRA SAID THE PRINCE MADE THE COMMENT IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION DURING A DISCUSSION HE HAD WITH SAUDI STUDENTS STUDYING IN THE UNITED STATES.
"THE KINGDOM BLESSES THE DECISION BY SYRIA AND LIBYA TO MERGE BECAUSE BOTH ARABISM AND ISLAM CALL FOR UNITY," THE PRINCE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.
SOUTH YEMEN, THE ONLY MARXIST GOVERNED REPUBLIC IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA, DECLARED SUPPORT FOR THE UNION IN MESSAGES PRESIDENT ALI NASSER MOHAMMED DISPATCHED TO THE LEADERS OF SYRIA AND LIBYA.
SOUTH YEMEN IS A MEMBER OF THE "STEADFASTNESS AND CONFRONTATION FRONT" ALONG WITH SYRIA, LIBYA, ALGERIA AND YASSER ARAFATS PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. THE FRONT IS OPPOSED TO THE U.S.-SPONSORED CAMP DAVID FORMULA FOR A MIDDLE EAST PEACEFUL SETTLMENT.
THE PLO AND ALGERIA ALREADY HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR BACKING OF THE MERGER THAT IS OFFICIALLY DESCRIBED BY SYRIAN AND LIBYAN LEADERS AS A STEP TO CONSOLIDATE ARAB DEFENSES AGAINST ISRAEL.
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IN DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY SAID FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL HALIM KHADDAM RETURNED HOME FROM THE FIRST STAGE OF AN ARAB WORLD TOUR THAT TOOK HIM TO SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, QATAR, BAHRAIN AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

KHADDAM DELIVERED MESSAGES FROM SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD ON THE UNION WITH LIBYA TO THE HEADS OF THESE COUNTRIES AND RETURNED WITH A MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM UAE PRESIDENT SHEIK ZAYED BIN SULTAN, ACCORDING TO THE AGENCY.

KHADDAM IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THE SECOND STAGE OF HIS TOUR BY A TRIP TO THE RED SEA REPUBLICS OF NORTH AND SOUTH YEMEN SATURDAY.

THE SYRIAN DAILY TICHRIN SAID IN AN EDITORIAL THE MERGER "HERALDS THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS" THAT PRODUCED THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE TREATY.

THE MERGER DECLARATION WEDNESDAY, TICHRIN SAID, PROVIDED THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE UNITY. "WHAT IS LEFT NOW IS FOR THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES TO WORK OUT THE STRUCTUAL DETAILS," THE PAPER ADDED.

IN AMMAN, THE JORDANIAN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER AL AKHBAR WARNED THAT ISRAEL MIGHT CAPITIALIZE ON THE MERGER DECLARATION AS A PRETEXT TO LAUNCH A PRE-EMPTIVE WAR AGAINST SYRIA.

"SIGNS POINTING TO THE DIRECTION ARE EMERGING FROM ISRAELI OFFICIAL STATEMENTS THAT THE MERGER COULD POSE A MILITARY THREAT TO ISRAEL," SAID THE NEWSPAPER.

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BEIRUT--MERGER REACTION 3 (REOPENS N510)
NORTH YEMENI PRESIDENT ALI 'ABDALLAH SALEH HAS SENT MESSAGES TO SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD AND LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAY PRAISING THE MERGER OF THEIR TWO COUNTRIES AS A +PRACTIAL ANSER TO CAPITULATION AND ZIONIST CHALLENGE, THE GULF NEWS AGENCY REPORTED. (END)
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MERGER REACTION
BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP)--THE QATARI CROWN PRINCE WELCOMED THE SYRIAN-LIBYAN MERGER PROCLAMATION THURSDAY AND SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD LEAD TO OVERALL ARAB UNITY, THE QATAR NEWS AGENCY REPORTED.

HAMAD BIN KHALIFAS STATEMENT WAS RELEASED FOLLOWING SYRIAN DEPUTY PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL HALIM KHADDAMS VISIT TO QATAR.

KHADDAM HAD VISITED SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT AND IS EXPECTED TO GO TO BAHRAIN, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND NORTH AND SOUTH YEMEN TO DELIVER SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD EXPLAINING THE MERGER.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT KHADAFY WILL GO TO BAGHDAD TO TRY TO CONVINCE PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN TO JOIN THE MERGER.

ARAB PRESS REPORTS PRAISED THE UNION, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMENT FROM MOST ARAB STATES.

BEIRUTS INDEPENDENT DAILY AN NAHAR DESCRIBED THE OUTLINE OF THE MERGER PLAN AS MORE COMPREHENSIVE THAN ANY PREVIOUS UNITY ATTEMPTS.

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BEIRUT -- MERGER REACTION 2
THE STATE CONTROLLED PRESS IN CAIRO DESCRIBED THE UNION DOOMED TO FAILURE FROM THE START AND THE DAILY AL GUMHURIAH ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF INSTGATING THE UNION. "THE SOVIET UNIONS FINGER PRINTS ARE VERY CLEAR," IT SAID.
THE U.A.E. DAILY AL ITTIHAD VOICED APPREHENSION , IN VIEW OF THE FAILURE OF PREVIOUS ARAB UNITY ATTEMPTS.
"ALL ARABS HOPE THIS UNITY WILL PROVE SUCCESSFUL," AL ITTIHAD SAID. "THEY WANT IT TO BECOME AN IRREVOCABLE STEP TOWARD UNITY THAT WILL NEVER RESULT IN SEPARATION."
IN KUWAIT THE INDEPENDENT DAILY AL-RAI AL-AM CALLED ON ARAB STATES TO ENDORSE THE MERGER AS "THEONLY HOPE FOR ARAB FREEDOM AND DIGNITY."
IT ADDED "WE BLESS THIS UNITY FOR THE SAKE OF FULFILLING NATIONAL AND HUMANITARIAN OBJECTIVES ON OUR SOIL AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PAN-ARAB FORCE CAPABLE OF DETERRING THE ZIONIST ELEMENT."
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CORRECTION
BEIRUT -- MERGER REACTION, TO INCLUDE KHADAFYS FIRST NAME AND TITLE, SUB FOR 4TH GRAF N513, THE MERGER.
THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY WILL GO TO BAGHDAD TO TRY TO CONVINCE IRAQI PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN TO JOIN THE MERGER.
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MERGER TEXT
BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP)--THE SYRIAN-LIBYAN MERGER INVITES OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES TO JOIN IN, AND APPEALS TO ALL ARAB PEOPLES TO TURN THE CHERISHED ARAB UNITY INTO REALITY. HERE IS THE TEXT OF THE MERGER PROCLAMATION:

"STARTING FROM THE BASIC PRINCIPLES IN WHICH THE ARAB MASSES THROUGHOUT THE ARAB WORLD BELIEVE AND WHICH ARE EMBODIES IN THE REALIZATION OF ARAB UNITY, SOCIALISM AND LIBERATION OF THE OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS, AND WITHA FIRM BELIEF THAT ARAB UNITY IS THE INEVITABLE FATE OF THIS NATION AND ITS SALVATION FROM ALL ITS PROBLEMS,

"AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE REGIONAL (SYRIAN) AND NATIONAL (PAN-ARAB) COMMANDS OF THE ARAB BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY, AND THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE PEOPLES COMMITTEES IN THE POPULAR SOCIALIST LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHEERIYA IN THEIR EXTRAORDINARY MEETING IN 1980,

"THE TWO REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIPS IN THE TWO COUNTRIES PROCLAIM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINGLE STATE ON THE FOLLOWING BASES:

"1. A SINGLE STATE WITH COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE TWO REGIONS (COUNTRIES) AND WITH A SINGLE INTERNATIONAL ENTITY, WHICH WILL SEEK TO REALIZE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC , MILITARY AND CULTURAL UNITY, AS WELL AS UNITY IN ALL OTHER SPHERES.

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"2. THIS (NEW) STATE WILL HAVE ITS OWN POPULAR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE MASSES TO EXERCISES THEIR FULL ROLE IN BUILDING THEIR SOCIETY AND FUTURE BU SHOULDERING THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLE THAT ALL AUTHORITY IS VESTED WITH THE PEOPLE. THE SINGLE STATE WILL STRIVE TO BUILD THE UNIFIED ARAB SOCIALIST SOCIETY, WHERE ALL AUTHORITY IS VESTED WITH THE PEOPLE THROUGH ITS POPULAR DEMOCRATUC INSTITUTIONS. THIS IS N ORDER TO GET RID OF ALL FORMS OF DOMINATION, EXPLOITATION AND TYRANNY.

"3. THE COMPREHENSIVE ARAB REVOLUTION IS A PEREPETUAL AND CONTINUING NECESSITY TO REALIZE THE AIMS OF THE ARAB NATION IN A UNIFIED ARAB SOCIALIST SOCIETY OF THE MASSES. THE REVOLUTION IN THIS (NEW) STATE IS PART OF THE OVERALL ARAB REVOLUTION. ITS POLICIES IN ALL FIELDS SPRING FROM THE GENERAL STRATEGY OF THIS REVOLUTION.

"4. ALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ANY SINGLE ARAB STATE UNDER CONDITIONS OF DIVISIVENESS WILL REMAIN SHORT OF ACHIEVING THEIR ULTIMATE GOALS, AND EXPOSED TO DANGERS AND SETBACKS, UNLESS THEY ARE REINFORCED BY ARAB UNITY. THEREFORE, THE DANGER THAT THREATENS ANY PART OF THE ARAB NATUON WILL ALSO THREATEN THE ENTIRE ARAB WORLD.

"5. THE BUILDING OF SOCIALISM, IN ADDITION TO THE FACT THAT IT IS A NECESSITY ARISING FROM THE NEEDS OF THE ARAB SOCIETY, IS ALSO A MEANS FOR MOBILIZING THE POTENTIALS OF THE MASSES IN THE BATTLE MR UNITY AGAINST ZIONISM, IMPERIALISM, REACTION AND BACKWARDNESS.

("THEREFORE, THE STRUGGLE FOR BUILDING SOCIALISM IS A BASIC TASK IN THE NEW STATE.

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"6. THIS (NEW) STATE CONSTITUTES A BASE FOR THE ARAB REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

"7. THIS STATE IS A BASE AND A TOOL FOR CONFRONTING THE ZIONIST PRESENCE IN THE ARAB HOMELAND AND THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE.

"8. THE ARAB MASSES ARE THE SHIELD OF THIS STATE. THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES ARE THE TOOL FOR REALIZING ITS AIMS AND CARRYING OUT ITS STRATEGY.

"9. THIS STATE, BEING A BASE FOR CONFRONTING ZIONISM, IMPERIALISM AND REACTION, IS ALSO A BASE FOR THE PALESTINIAN ARAB STRUGGLE AND REVOLUTION, BECAUSE IT IS A PRINCIPAL PARNTER IN THE ARAB REVOLUTIONARY FORCES.

"10. THIS STATE WILL WORK TO CONSOLIDATE THE STEADFASTNESS AND CONFRONTATION FRONT, WHICH IS A MAIN CENTER OF STEADFASTNESS AND CONFRONTATION AGAINST THE PARTIES OF CAMP DAVID, REPRESENTED BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, THE ZIONIST ENEMY AND THE AGENT REGIME OF (EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR) SADAT.

"11. THIS STATE WILL STRIVE TO HAVE ALL ARAB POTENTIALS, HUMAN , ECONOMIC AND MILITARY RESOURCES DEPLOYED IN THE ARENA OF THE ARAB-ZIONIST CONFLICT.

"12. THIS STATE IS A NUCLEUS FOR THE CONPREHENSIVE ARAB UNITY. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS OPEN FOR ANY ANY OTHER ARAB STATE THAT DESIRES TO JOIN IT AND ADHERE TO ITS PIRNCIPLES.

"13. THIS STATE IS PART OF THE WORLDS NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND AN ALLY OF THE SOCIALIST FORCES IN THE WORLD STRUGGLING AGAINST ZIONISM, RACISM, IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM AS WELL AGAINST ALL FORMS OF EXPLOITATION AND TYRANNY.

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BEIRUT--MERGER TEXT 4

"THE REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIPS IN SYRIA AND LIBYA, WHILE THEY PROCLAIM TO THE ARAB NATION THESE HISTORICAL PRINCIPLES, AFFIRM THAT THIS STATE WILL BE THE STATE OF ALL THE ARABS. IT WILL STRUGGLE TO SERVE THEIR CAUSES, AND FIGHT FOR THEIR GOALS AND BUILD FOR THEIR FUTURE, WITH THE BELIEF IN THAT UNITY IS THE PATH OF DIGNITY AND HONOR FOR THE WHOLE NATION.

"THEY ALSO DECLARE THAT THEY WILL MEET AGAIN TO DRAW OUT THE PLANS AND PROCEDURES FOR CARRYING OUT THESE PRINCIPLES, BUILD THE UNITARY STATE AND ESTABLISH ITS POPULAR INSTITUTIONS."

APART FROM THE ABOVE PROCLAMATION, THE TWO LEADERS ALSO ISSUED THE FOLLOWING SET OF "RESOLUTIONS:"

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION OF THE REGIONAL (SYRIAN) AND NATIONAL (PAN-ARAB) COMMANDS OF THE ARAB BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1980, AND WITH THE RESOLUTIONAS OF THE PEOPLES COMMITTEES IN THE POPULAR SOCIALISM LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHREERIYA IN THEIR EXTRAORDINARY MEETING BETWEEN SEPT. 2ND AND 9TH 1980 THE REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIPS IN SYRIA AND LIBYA DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

"1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINGLE STATE COMPRISING SYRIA AND LIBYA. AUTHORITY IN IT IS VESTED WITH THE PEOPLE.

"2. THIS STATE HAS FULL SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE TWO ARAB REGIONS (COUNTRIES). IT WILL HAVE A SINGLE INTERNATIONAL ENTITY.

"3. THE LEADERSHIPS IN THE TWO REGIONS WILL FORM A SINGLE REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP.

"4. THE UNITARY STATE WILL HAVE A NATIONAL (PAN-ARAB) CONGRES

"5. THE UNITARY STATE WILL HAVE A SINGLE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY.

"6. THE REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP IN THE TWO REGIONS WILL MEET WITHIN A MONTH TO FORMULATE THE DECISIONS AND DRAW OUT THE PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THIS RESOLUTION."

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THERE WERE NO DEMONSTRATIONS HERE, AND THE PRESIDENT DID NOT

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WEDNESDAY MORNING.

FOR ASSAD, LAST GRAF N538

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NL LIBYA-SYRIA (EDS: NOTE TRIPOLI RADIO HAS BROADCAST COMMUNIQUE)

BY LOUIS FARES

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP)--PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD AND LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY PROCLAIMED THE MERGER OF LIBYA AND SYRIA WEDNESDAY, VOWING FOIL U.S. PEACE PLANS AND TO "LIBERATE PALESTINE" FROM THE ISRAELIS.

A JOINT COMMUNIQUE BROADCAST BY DAMASCUS AND TRIPOLI RADIOS AT THE END OF TWO DAYS OF TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS SAID THEY WOULD MEET WITHIN A MONTH TO FORM A COMMON GOVERNMENT FOR SYRIAS NINE MILLION PEOPLE AND LIBYAS TWO MILLION.

THE COMMUNIQUE WAS BROADCAST BY DAMASCUS RADIO AT 0915GMT, SEVERAL HOURS AFTER ASSAD RETURNED FROM TRIPOLI, AND IN TRIPOLI AT 1300GMT. TRIPOLI RADIO SAID LIBYANS WERE DANCING IN THE STREETS OF THE CAPITAL.

FOR ASSAD, WHOSE MIDDLE EAST NATION IS PLAGUED BY VIOLENT OPPOSITION FROM MOSLEM FUNDAMENTALIST GROUPS, THE MERGER CONFIRMS HIS ROLE AS A PAN-ARAB LEADER. FOR KHADAFY, IT FULFILLS HIS OFTEN SOUGHT IDEAL OF ARAB UNITY.

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LIBYAS 35 (B) BILLION U.S. DOLLAR A YEAR OIL INCOME ALSO COULD BE A BOOM TO ASSADS EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE AND UPGRADE HIS SOVIET-EQUIPPED ARMIES.
"THE TWO LEADERSHIPS HAVE AGREED TO PROCLAIM THE TWO COUNTRIES A UNIFIED STATE AND TO BRING ABOUT A TOTAL ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND MILITARY MERGER," SAID THE COMMUNIQUE, ADDING A "REVOLUTIONARY CONGRESS" WILL ASSUME LEGISLATIVE POWERS IN THE NEW STATE.
LIBYA AND SYRIA COULD MUSTER A 242-000-MAN SOVIET-EQUIPPED ARMY, BACKED BY 4,600 TANKS AND 590 COMBAT AIRCRAFT. MILITARY SOURCES SAID IT WOULD BE NO IMMEDIATE THREAT TO ISRAELS WAR-TIME ARMY OF 400,000 MEN, SUPPORTED BY 3,050 AMERICAN-MADE TANKS AND 576 WARPLANES INCLUDING THE MOST SOPHISTICATED JET IN THE AMERICAN ARSENAL, THE F-15.
ASSAD HAS BEEN CALLING FOR RESTORATION OF THE MIDEAST "MILITARY BALANCE", WHICH HE SAYS WAS UPSET BY THE SIGNING OF THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE TREATY.
ARAB PRESS REPORTS HAVE SPECULATED ASSAD WILL TRAVEL TO MOSCOW AFTER COMPLETING THE UNION PLANS TO NEGOTIATE SHIPMENT OF MORE ARMS, PARTICULARLY THE MIG-25 FIGHTER JET, ADVANCED SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES AND T-72 TANKS.
THE COMMUNIQUE DID NOT NAME THE NEW STATE. IT DID NOT SAY WHO WOULD BE PRESIDENT OR WHERE THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT WOULD BE. INFORMED SOURCES SAID THERE WOULD LIKELY BE A PRESIDENCY COUNCIL, WITH KHADAFY AND ASSAD ALTERNATELY ASSUMING THE PRESIDENCY.
"THE UNIFIED STATE WILL HAVE THE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS THAT WILL ENSURE THAT POWER WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE," IT SAID.
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THE COMMUNIQUE LISTED 13 PRINCIPLES OF THE NEW STATE, DEDICATING IT TO "COMPREHENSIVE ARAB REVOLUTION" AND SOCIALISM AND DECLARING IT PART OF ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THE WORLD.

"THIS UNITY WILL REPRESENT THE BASE AND THE TOOL FOR CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL AND THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE," SAID ONE OF THE PRINCIPLES, REFERRING TO THE LAND THAT EXISTED BEFORE ISRAEL WAS CREATED 32 YEARS AGO.

"IT WILL BE THE BASE OF ALL OPPOSITION AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM AND THE BACKBONE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION MOVEMENT."

ANOTHER PRINCIPLE PLEDGED THE NEW STATE TO OPPOSE THE U.S.-SPONSORED CAMP DAVID PEACE PLAN. THE COMMUNIQUE INVITED ALL ARAB NATIONS TO JOIN THE NEW STATE.

REPORTS IN THE ARAB PRESS SAY KHADAFY PLANS TO VISIT IRAQ TO TRY TO BRING PRESIDENT SADDEM HUSSEIN INTO THE UNION EFFORT. SYRIA AND IRAQS 1978 UNITY BID HAS BEEN SHELVED BECAUSE OF RIVALRIES BETWEEN THE TWO WINGS OF THE ARAB BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY THAT RULE THE TWO COUNTRIES.

LAST MONTH, IRAQ EXPELLED ALL SYRIAN DIPLOMATS FROM BAGHDAD, ACCUSING THEM OF PLOTTING SUBVERSION. SYRIA RESPONDED BY DEPORTING IRAQI DIPLOMATS FROM DAMASCUS.

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THE PROCLAIMATION COMES AT A TIME WHEN ASSAD IS FIGHTING A BITTER BATTLE AGAINST UNDERGROUND FUNDAMENTALIST GROUPS IN SYRIA, WHO HAVE STAGED A TWO-YEAR CAMPAIGN OF BOMBINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS AGAINST HIS REGIME.

THE SYRIAN OPPOSITION CHARGES ASSADS GOVERNMENT IS CORRUPT AND DOMINATED BY THE MINORITY ALAWITE MOSLEM SECT. MOST SYRIANS ARE SUNNI MOSLEMS.

ASSAD QUICKLY ACCEPTED KHADAFYS SEPT. 1 OFFER TO UNIFY THE TWO STATES, WHICH ARE 500 MILES APART BY AIR. SINCE 1969, LIBYA HAS FAILED IN EFFORTS TO UNIFY WITH LIBYA, EGYPT, SUDAN AND TUNISIA. SYRIAS EFFORTS WITH LIBYA, EGYPT, SUDAN AND IRAQ ALSO HAVE FALLEN SHORT.

SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL HALIM KHADDAM VISITED RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, AND EXPLAINED THE MERGER TO CROWN PRINCE FAHD, RIYADH RADIO REPORTED. KHADDAM ALSO IS EXPECTED TO VISIT KUWAIT, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, QATAR AND NORTH AND SOUTH YEMEN.

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DAMASCUS ALSO BROADCAST THE COMMUNIQUE ON ITS REGULAR DAILY HEBREW NEWSCAST.

FOR ASSAD, LAST GRAF N538

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ARAB UNITY (WITH SYRIA-LIBYA)

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) -- THE SYRIAN-LIBYAN MERGER PROCLAMATION IS THE LATEST IN A LONG LIST OF ATTEMPTS TO UNIFY 100 MILLION PEOPLE WHO SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE. HERE ARE THE MAJOR ATTEMPTS OF THE PAST 22 YEARS:

--IN 1958 EGYPT AND SYRIA MERGED INTO THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, WHICH COLLAPSED IN 1961 AFTER EGYPT TRIED TO KORCE THE SOCIALIST IDEAL ON THE SYRIAN ECONOMY.

--DURING THE SAME YEAR THE JORDANIAN AND THE IRAQI MONARCHIES, XOTH RULED B MEMBERS OF THE HASHEMITE FAMILY, INSITUTED THEIR FEDERAL UNION TO COUNTER THE EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN UNITY 77MENACE.'' THE FEDERATION COLLAPSED WHEN THE IRAQI MONARCHY WAS OVERTMROWN IN A BLOODY COUP THE SAME YEAR..

--IN 1972 LIBYA, EGYPT, SYRIA AND SUDAN GME D IN A FEDERATION OF E ARAB REPUBLICS. SUDAN SECEED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS BECAUSE OF INTERNAW POLITICAL INCONVENIENCES. THE INK-ON-PAPER MERGER EFFECTIVELY ENDED AKTER THE 1973 WAR WITH ISRAEL.

--LIBYA AND TUNISIA SIGNED A UNITY PACT IN 1974, BUT THIS WAS REPUDIATED BY TUNISIA SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

--IN 1971 SEVEN SOUTHERN ARABIAN SHEIKDOMS -- ABU DHABI, DUBAI, SHARJAH, AAJMANN RAS AL KHAIMA, UM AL QUWAIN AND FUJAIRA -- CONFEDERATED IN THE UVN -4-? 3. 44. THE NEW STATE HAS SURVIVED AT LEAUT THREE DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN ABU DHABI AND DUBAI OVER BUDGET SHARING AND ARMED FORCES COMMAND.

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--IN 1977 AND 1979 PRO-WESTERN NORTH YEMEN AND THE MARXIST REPUBLIC OF SOUTT YEMEN SIGNED UNITY PLANS, BOTH AFTER BORDER CLASHES. THE PLANS YIELDED NO CONCRETE RESULTS.

--EGYPT AND SUDAN SIGNED AN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION PLAN AND DESPITE DIFFERENCES OVER THE PEACE DRIVE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, THE SUDANESE HAVE RETAINED SEVERAL JOINT PROJECMIGIICFLTHE EGYPTIANS.

--IN 6979 SYRIA AND IRAQ SIGNED A MERGER PACT, BUT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE SINCE BEEN LOCKED IN W WAR OF WORDS, WITH EACM ACCUSING THE OTHER OF MOUNTING EUBVERSION ATTACKS AGAINST IT.

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ARAB WORLD PRIMER

BY STEVE K. HINDY

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP)--DESPITE SYRIAN-LIBYAN MERGER PLANS AND PAN-ARAB OPPOSITION TO ISRAELS OCCUPATION OF ARAB JERUSALEM, THE ARAB WORLD REMAINS DIVIDED BY OLD PERSONAL RIVALRIES AND IDEOLOGICAL SCHISMS.

DIPLOMATS ARE HARD-PUT TO SAY WHEN THE 21 ARAB NATIONS WERE CAUGHT UP IN MORE SQUABBLES. "IF YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS, ILL LIST THEM FOR YOU," SAID A WESTERN DIPLOMAT.

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADATS PEACE EFFORT WITH ISRAEL OPENED A YAWNING CREVICE IN THE IDEAL OF ARAB UNITY, POLITICALLY SPLITTING EGYPTS 42 MILLION PEOPLE FROM THE OTHER 60 MILLION ARABS.

SYRIA AND IRAQ, MILITARILY POWERFUL NEIGHBORS WHO VOWED TO MERGE TWO YEARS AGO, HAVE ALL BUT BROKEN RELATIONS IN A REVIVAL OF AN OLD FEUD.

MOROCCO IS ON A WAR FOOTING WITH ALGERIAN-BACKED REBELS IN NORTH AFRICAS FORMER SPANISH SAHARA. PRO-WESTERN NORTH YEMEN AND PRO-SOVIET SOUTH YEMEN SWING BETWEEN WAR AND UNIFICATION BIDS.

HERE IS A LIST OF THE ARAB WORLDS MAJOR FEUDS.

RADICALS-MODERATES

THE ANTI-SADAT FORCES ARE SPLIT BETWEEN GENERALLY PRO-SOVIET MEMBERS OF THE "STEADFASTNESS AND CONFRONTATION FRONT" -- ALGERIA, LIBYA, THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, SOUTH YEMEN AND SYRIA -- AND WESTERN-LEANING STATES.

AMONG THE MODERATES, OMAN, SOMALIA AND SUDAN STILL HAVE RELATIONS WITH EGYPT. OMAN, SOMALIA AND EGYPT ALL HAVE GRANTED THE UNITED STATES ACCESS TO MILITARY FACILITIES.

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BEIRUT -- ARAB WORLD PRIMER 2

COMPARED TO THE MODERATES, THE RADICALS ARE CLOSER TO AYATOLLAH KHOMEINIS IRANIAN REGIME, PROPONENTS OF USING THE "OIL WEAPON" AGAINST PRO-ISRAEL WESTERN STATES, AND NEUTRAL ON THE SOVIET INVASION OF AFGHANISTAN.

SYRIA-IRAQ

LESS THAN A YEAR AFTER PLEDGING UNIFICATION AT THE 1978 BAGHDAD SUMMIT, IRAQI PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN SAID SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD WAS BEHIND AN EFFORT TO TOPPLE THE BAGHDAD REGIME. THEY SINCE HAVE EXPELLED EACH OTHERS DIPLOMATS. THE TWO WINGS OF THE ARAB BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY THAT RULE IN BAGHDAD AND DAMASCUS ARE BITTER RIVALS OF LONG STANDING.

SYRIA-JORDAN AND IRAQ

ASSADS GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FOR TWO YEARS FROM UNDERGROUND TERROR GROUPS, MOST NOTABLY THE FUNDAMENTALIST MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD. GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPERS HAVE CHARGED IRAQ AND JORDAN HARBOR THE TERRORISTS.

MOROCCO-ALGERIA

MOROCCAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING ALGERIAN -BACKED POLISARIO GUERRILLAS IN THE PHOSPHATE-RICH SAHARA SINCE SPAIN WITHDREW IN 1976.

LIBYA-EGYPT

LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY IS SADATS MOST BITTER OPPONENT. THESE NEIGHBORS, WHO HAVE FAILED IN TWO ATTEMPTS AT UNITY, FOUGHT A BLOODY BORDER WAR IN JULY 1977. DIPLOMATS CALL THEIR HEAVILY FORTIFIED FRONTIER A "TINDERBOX."

LIBYAN-MOROCCO

RELATIONS WERE SEVERED AFTER LIBYA APPLAUDED A 1971 COUP ATTEMPT AGAINST KING HASSAN.

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BEIRUT -- ARAB WORLD PRIMER 3
LIBYA-TUNISIA
RELATIONS HAVE BEEN STRAINED SINCE THESE NEIGHBORS FAILED AT A UNITY EFFORT IN 1974. TUNIS BLAMED TRIPOLI LAST JANUARY FOR THE ATTACK ON A CENTRAL TUNISIAN CITY THAT LEFT 45 PERSONS DEAD.
LIBYA-PLO MODERATES
EARLIER THIS YEAR, KHADAFY EXPELLED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PLO IN A DISPUTE OVER WHO WOULD LEAD THE 40,000 PALESTINIANS IN LIBYA. THE PLO OFFICE HAS RE-OPENED, BUT SUSPICIONS REMAIN ON BOTH SIDES.
PLO RADICALS-SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAQ
THE DOCTRINAIRE MARXIST WINGS OF THE PLO, AND OFTEN YASSER ARAFAT HIMSELF, SHAKE SAUDI ARABIA AND THE CONSERVATIVE MONARCHIES OF THE GULF WITH THREATS TO "SET THE OILFIELDS ABLAZE." IRAQ THIS YEAR EXPELLED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARXIST GROUPS IN THE PLO.
SOUTH YEMEN-NORTH YEMEN
ALTHOUGH PERENNIALLY ASPIRING TO UNITY, THESE NEIGHBORS HAVE BASICALLY INCOMPATIBLE ECONOMIC SYSTEMS: IN THE NORTH FREE WHEELING CAPITALISM, IN THE SOUTH STRICT GOVERNMENT CONTROL. FREQUENT TRIBAL FIGHTING ERUPTED IN A BORDER WAR IN 1979.

LEBANON
SINCE THE 1975-76 CIVIL WAR SPLIT THE COUNTRY, LEBANON HAS BEEN THE ARAB WORLDS BATTLEFIELD. MOST OF ITS MORE THAN 30 PRIVATE ARMIES ARE BACKED BY ARAB NATIONS. THE BACKERS SOMETIMES ACT OUR THEIR DISPUTES IN "PROXY WARS" IN LEBANON -- SYRIA VS. IRAQ, IRAQ VS. IRAN.
GULF SHEIKHDOMS.
THESE PROSPERING NATIONS HAVE PUT ASIDE OLD RIVALRIES TO CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. BAHRAIN, QATAR AND KUWAIT, HOWEVER, HAVE LONG RESISTED MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. MANY LEADERS STILL GRUMBLE ABOUT POSSIBLE OMANI EXPANSIONISM. A BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN KUWAIT AND IRAQ IS BEING DISCUSSED BY A JOINT COMMISSION.
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LIBYA-SYRIA Merger

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) -- THE LEADERS OF SYRIA AND LIBYA MET IN THE LIBYAN CAPITAL TUESDAY TO HAMMER OUT DETAILS OF THE PROJECTED MERGER OF THEIR TWO COUNTRIES, ARAB SOURCES HERE REPORTED.

PRESIDENTS HAFEZ ASSAD OF SYRIA AND MOAMMAR KHADAFY OF LIBYA STARTED THEIR FIRST MEETING BEFORE MIDNIGHT AND CARRIED ON INTO THE DAWN HOURS TUESDAY, THE LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY JANA SAID.

FLANKED ON BOTH SIDES BY THEIR TOP AIDES, THE TWO LEADERS "EXAMINED A STEP-BY-STEP PROGRAM OF JOINT ACTION" THAT IS TO CULMINATE IN A PROCLAMATION OF A SINGLE STATE COMPRISING OIL-RICH LIBYA AND THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN STATE OF SYRIA, THE AGENCY SAID.

IN DOHA, QATAR, THE NEWSPAPER "AL ARAB" SAID KHADAFY WAS TO VISIT BAGHDAD LATER THIS MONTH IN A BID TO TALK IRAQI PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN INTO JOINING IN THE PROJECTED UNION.

SYRIA AND IRAQ HHAVE BEEN VIRTUALLY WITHOUT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SINCE DIPLOMATS WERE EXPLLED FROM BOTH CAPITALS LAST MONTH. THE TWO COUNTRIES, RULED BY RIVAL WINGS OF THE ARAB SOCIALIST BAATH PARTY, HAVE BEEN LOCKED IN A VIRULENT IDEOLOGICAL WAR AND HAVE TRADED ACCUSATIONS OF SUSUBVERSION.

DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN BEIRUT DISMISSED CHANCES OF AN IRAQI ENDORSEMENT, MUCH LESS IRAQ JOINING, THE PLANNED MERGER BETWEEN SYRIA AND LIBYA.

THESE SOURCES VIEWED THE MERGER AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SYRIAN LEADER TO CONSOLIDATE HIS POPULARITY AT HOME IN THE FACE OF SIMMERING UNREST CAUSED BY THE OUTLAWED MOSLEM BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZATION.

THE MERGER, THEY ADDED, ALSO WILL STRENGTHEN KHDADAFY"S POSITION IN DEALING WITH ITS VASTLY LARGER NIEGHBOR, EGYPT, WHICH HAS INVOKED ARAB RESENTMENT BY MAKING PEACE WITH ISRAEL.

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BEIRUT -- LIBYA-SYRIA 2
ASSAD FLEW TO A ROUSING WELCOME IN LIBYA MONDAY, WHERE HE AND KHADAFY DECLARED THEY WERE TAKING IMMEDIATE STEPS TO UNITED THEIR COUNTRIES INTO A SINGLE STATE WITH THE PRIMARY AIM OF STRENGTHENING ARAB DEFENSES AGAINST ISRAEL.

IN HIS SPEECH, KHADAFY VOWED TO ATTACK ANY MILITARY BASES THE UNITED STATES ESTABLISHES IN THE ARAB WORLD.

"WE HAVE RESOLVED TO ATTACK U.S. BASES INSIDE THE ARAB HOMELAND BECAUSE BY DOING SO WEEXERCISE OUR LEGITIMATE RIGHT TO DEFND OUR EXISTENCE ON OUR SOIL," KHADAFY TOLD A CHEERING CROWD IN TRIPOLI, THE LIBYAN CAPITAL.

THE SYRIAN STATE RADIO, MONITORED IN BEIRUT, REPORTED THE LIBYAN CAPITAL WAS IN A "FESTIVE MOOD" TUESDAY. GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, SQUARES AND PRIVATE HOMES WERE SPLASHED WITH ARAB UNIT PLACARDS, WHILE THE STATE RADIO PLAYED NATIONALISTIC SONGS AND "UNITY HYMNS," THE RADIO SAID.

MOST OF THE SONGS PLAYED BY LIBYAN RADIO DATE BACK TO THE DAYS OF THE 44-MONTH EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN MERGER THAT PRODUCED THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC, WHICH COLLAPSED WITH A SYRIAN BREAKAWAY SEPT. 28, QOYQ.

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BEIRUT--LIBYA-SYRIA 3
ASSAD AND KHADAFY WERE TO FLY TOGETHER TO DAMASCUS LATER THIS WEEK TO ADDRESS THE SYRIAN PEOPLE AND REVEAL DETAILS OF THE PLANNED UNITY PROCLAMATION, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN BEIRUT SAID.
THE MERGER DOCUMENT WILL POSSIBLY BE PROMULGATED SEPT. 28, TO SIGNIFY A FRESH ADHERENCE TO ARAB UNITY AND REFUTE THE NEGATIVE INFLUENCE OF THE EGYPTIAN-SYRIA MERGER FIASCO, THE SAME SOURCES SAID.
"THE LIBYAN-SYRIAN MERGER WILL HERALD A SUNRISE FOR THE ENTIRE ARAB WORLD, ILLUMINATING THE REAL PATH TO PAN-ARABISM, STRENGHT, DIGNITY AND THE EVENTUAL DEFEAT OF ISRAEL," THE SYRIAN RADIO SAID.
SIMILAR IMPRESSIONS WERE ECHOED IN COMMENTARIES AND EDITORIALS BY THE LIBYAN RADIO AND GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPERS, ACCORDING TO THE LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY.
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LEAD MERGER
BY LOUIS FARES
DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP)--PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD FLEW TO TRIPOLI MONDAY TO FINALIZE PLANS FOR MERGING SYRIA AND LIBYA INTO A SINGLE STATE, AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.
THE UNION IS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN ARAB DEFENSES AGAINST ISRAEL BY UTILIZING LIBYA'S PETRO-BILLIONS TO UPGRADE SYRIA'S ARMAMENTS, ACCORDING TO ARAB DIPLOMATS IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
LIBYA HAS THE MONEY AND SYRIA, ISRAEL'S MOST MILITANT ARAB NEIGHBOR, HAS THE MANPOWER. THE SOVIET UNION IS A STRONG POLITICAL BACKER AND TOP ARMS SUPPLIER OF BOTH ARAB COUNTRIES, THE DIPLOMATS SAID.
THE UNION JOURNEY WAS HAILED IN HEADLINES IN THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED SYRIAN PRESS.
"THE REVOLUTIONARY DREAM IS ABOUT TO MATERIALIZE. SYRIA IS SERIOUS ABOUT THE UNION," SAID THE HEADLINE OF THE DAMASCUS DAILY TICHRIN.
"THE UNION REVERSES THE BALANCE OF FORCES," SAID THE HEADLINE OF AL BAATH NEWSPAPER IN AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO ARAB-ISRAELI POWER BALANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT SAID A HIGH-POWERED DELEGATION LEFT WITH ASSAD FOR TALKS WITH LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY ON WAYS OF QUICKLY MERGING THE TWO COUNTRIES.
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MERGER

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP)--PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD LEFT BY AIR FOR TRIPOLI MONDAY TO FINALIZE MERGER PLANS BETWEEN SYRIA AND LIBYA, AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HERE SAID.

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DAMASCUS-- MERGER 2
THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID A HIGH-POWERED DELEGATION LEFT WITH ASSAD FOR TALKS WITH LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY ON WAYS OF QUICKLY MERGING THE TWO COUNTRIES.
PRIME MINISTER ABDEL RAOUF EL KASM, FOREIGN MINISTER ABDUL HALIM KHADDAM, VICE PREMIER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ABDEL KADER QADDOURA AND INFORMATION MINISTER AHMED ISKANDAR AHMED WERE AMONG THE DELEGATION, ACCORDING TO THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT.
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DAMASCUS-- MERGER 3
ASSADS TRIP CAME EXACTLY A WEEK AFTER KHADAFY OFFERED TO MERGE HIS OIL-RICH NORTH AFRICAN ARAB NOUNTRY WITH SYRIA TO STRENGTHEN ARAB DEFENSES AGAINST ISRAEL.
ASSAD, WHO ACCEPTED THE OFFER AT ONCE, WAS VGIVEN THE GO-AHEAD WITH THE UNION TALKS BY THE SYRIAN AND PAN-ARAB COMMANDS OF HIS RULING SOCIALIST BAATH PARTY.
THE MERGER PLAN IS EXPECTED TO BE ENDORSED BY LIBYAS PEOPLES CONGRESS, THE NATIONS HIGHEST LEGISLATIVE BODY, DURING ASSADS PRESENCE IN TRIPOLI SO THE UNITN MAY BE PROCLAIMED ON SEPTEMBER 28, ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN THE ARAB PRESS.
BOTH LEADERS WERE REPORTED TO BE KEEN ON MEETING THIS UNOFFICIAL DEADLINE THAT MARKS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF THE LATE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT GAMAL ABDEL NASSER, THE PIONEER OF ARAB UNITY, IN 1570.
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DAMASCUS -- MERGER 4
NASSER HEADED THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL UNITY EXPERIMENT, A 44-MONTH MERGER BETWEEN EGYPT AND SYRIA THAT COLLAPSED ON SEPT. 28, 1961.
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE NEW MERGER ON THE SAME DAY WILL SHOW THE WILL OF UNITY IS STILL ALIVE IN THE ARAB WORLD, ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN KUWAITI AND LEBANESE NEWSPAPERS.
MOST ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE SUPPORTED THE PROJECTED SYRIAN-LIBYAN MERGER. BUT EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT DESCRIBED IT AS A "CHILDRENS GAME."
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DAMASCUS-- MERGER 5
ARAB UNITY HAS BEEN THE HALLMARK OF KHADAFYS FOREIGN POLICY SINCE HE CAME TO POWER IN 1969. HE HAD TRIED TO MERGE WITH EGYPT UNDER NASSER AND THEN UNDER SADAT BUT HIS PLANS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL WITH BOTH RESIDENTS.
NASSER, WHO WAS HAUNTED BY THE FAILURE OF THE EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN EXPERIMENT A DECADE EARLIER, COUNSELED A STAGE-BY-STAGE PROCESS TO BRING ABOUT THE UNION WITH LIBYA.
WHEN HE DIED, THE IMPATIENT KHADAFY TRIED TO FORCE SADAT INTO ACCEPTING THE MERGER BY ARRANGING A UNITY MARCH OF 35,000 LIBYANS ACROSS THE BORDER TO EGYPT. SADAT STOPPED IT FORECEFULLY AND THE TWO LEADERS HAVE SINCE BEEN BITTER FOES.
IN HIS MANY UNITY BIDS, KHADAFY ALSO TRIED AND FAILED TO INVOLVE TUNISIA AND SUDAN.
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DAMASCUS--MERGER 6 (OPENS N518)
LIBYAS STATE RADIO SAID THAT "HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS" GATHERED IN TRIPOLI TO GREET ASSAD AND SUPPORT THE PLANNED MERGER.
INSTEAD OF REGULAR PROGRAMS, THE RADIO BLARED NATIONAL SONGS INTERSPERSED WITH CHANTS BY STREET CROWDS WHO PRAISED ASSAD, KHADAFY AND ARAB UNITY.
"O JERUSALEM, THE DAY OF YOUR LIBERATION IS AT HAND," A RADIO ANNOUNCER SHOUTED. "OUR ENEMY IS ISRAEL AND THE IMPERIALISTS. WE WILL LIBERATE JERUSALEM."
OTHER SLOGANS INCLUDED: "LIBYA AND SYRIA HAND IN HAND CALL UPON ALL ARAB COUNTRIES TO WAKE UP FROM THEIR SLUMBER AND JOIN IN UNITY... LIBYA WILL BE FOREVER THE CASTLE OF STEADFASTNESS AGAINST TRATORS AND ENEMIES...REVOLUTIONARY KHADAFY IS NOT LIBYAS ALONE, BUT HE BELONGS TO THE WHOLE ARAB WORLD FROM THE (ATLANTIC) OCEAN TO THE (PERSIAN) GULF. HE CALLS FOR UNITY."
KHADAFY AND ASSAD WERE TO RETURN TO DAMASCUS TOGETHER FOR A JOINT PROCLAMATION OF THE MERGER TO THE SYRIAN PEOPLE, ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN BEIRUT, LEBANON.
NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE TRIP TO DAMASCUS, BUT SOURCES EXPECT THE TWO LEADERS IN THE SYRIAN CAPITAL BY WEDNESDAY.
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DAMASCUS--MERGER 7

IN KUWAIT, THE NEWSPAPER AL QABAS QUOTED UNNAMED SOURCES WHO HAD VISITED ASSAD RECENTLY AS SAYING THE SYRIAN LEADER TOLD THEM HE WOULD ASK KHADAFY TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE UNIFIED STATE.

OTHER NEWSPAPERS OF THE OIL-RICH SHEIKDOMS IN THE PERSIAN GULF REGION WELCOMED THE IMMINENT MERGER, BUT CAUTIONED THAT THE "CAMP DAVID PARTIES"--ISRAEL, EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES--WOULD "TRY TO SABOTAGE" THE PLANNED UNION.

"THE CAMP DAVID COUNTRIES WILL TRY TO PREVENT THIS UNITY BETWEEN LIBYA AND SYRIA BY ALL MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL AND TO SPLIT THE ARAB NATION BECAUSE SUCH STEPS BRING US CLOSER TO REGAINING OUR RIGHTS AND LIBERATE THE OCCUPIED LAND," SAID THE NEWSPAPER AL FAJR OF THE EMIRATE OF AL-SHARJAH.

THE NEWSPAPER AL-WIHDA, OR UNITY, OF ABU DHABI, SAID "THE ISRAELI ENEMY KNOWS WELL THAT UNITY IS DEATH FOR ISRAEL AND WILL TRY TO UNDERMINE IT."

(END/ABOUD/EFTY/MAHMOUD)

Syria Libya Merger

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MERGER NITER
TRIPOLI, LIBYA (AP)--CHANTING "UNITY, UNITY," THRONGS OF LIBYANS GREETED SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD ON HIS ARRIVAL HERE MONDAY TO FIRM UP MERGER PLANS OF LIBYA AND SYRIA, TRIPOLI RADIO REPORTED.

HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS TURNED OUT FROM CITIES AND VILLAGES OF THE COUNTRY TO WELCOME ASSAD AND GREET HIS HOST, LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR KHADAFY, WHO WERE TO DISCUSS STEPS TOWARD UNITING THEIR COUNTRIES INTO A SINGLE STATE.

KHADAFY AND ASSAD DROVE IN A LONG MOTORCADE FROM THE AIRPORT INTO TRIPOLI AMID WILD CHEERS OF THE CROWDS WHO SOUTED "LIBYA, SYRIA , ONE COUNTRY."

INFORMED SOURCES SAID THE TWO LEADERS WERE TO FLY TOGETHER TO DAMASCUS LATER THIS WEEK TO PROCLAIM THE MERGER TO THE SYRIAN PEOPLE.

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TRIPOLI--MERGER NITER 2
BESIDE BEING A MAGICAL SLOGAN SWAYING THE ARAB MASSES BETWEEN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND THE PERSIAN GULF, UNITY IN THE CASE OF SYRIA AND LIBYA IS SEEN AS A BID TO CONSOLIDATE ARAB DEFENSES AGAINST ISRAEL.

DESPITE PAST FAILURES, ARAB STILL ARE IMPRESSED BY THE UNITY SLOGAN ON WHICH HINGES HOPES FOR REGAINING ISRAELI-OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS, INCLUDING THE ARAB SECTOR OF JERUSALEM.

WITH LIBYAS PETRO-BILLIONS AND SYRIAS MANPOWER, THE TWO COUNTRIES STAND TO MUSTER A STRONGER FRONT AGAINST THE JEWISH STATE.

THE SOVIET UNION IS SYRIA AND LIBYAS MAIN SUPPLIER OF WARPLANES AND MILITARY HARDWARE.

AS KHADAFY AND ASSAD WAVED TO THE CHEERING CROWDS, A RADIO ANNOUNCER SHOUTED "O JERUSALEM, THE DAY OF YOUR LIBERATION IS NOW AT HAND."

THE CHEERING THRONGS URGED THE TWO LEADERSTO WORK TOGETHER AND THWART THE U.S.-SPONSORED CAMP DAVID PEACE FRAMEWORK BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

"THE REVOLUTIONARY DREAM IS ABOUT TO COME TRUE," SAID THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT-RUN TICHRIN NEWSPAPER IN A BANNER HEADLINE, AS ASSAD EMBARKED ON HIS UNION TRIP TO TRIPOLI.

"THE UNION REVERSES THE (MIDEAST) BALANCE OF FORCES," SAID THE SYRIAN NEWSPAPER AL-BAATH, ORGAN OF SYRIAS RULING ARAB SOCIALIST BAATH PARTY.

THIS WAS AN ALLUSION TO THE PRIME TARGET OF THE PLANNED MERGER--TO OVERWHELM THE ISRAELI MILITARY SUPERIORITY AND FORCE THE JEWISH STATE TO RELINQUISH ALL LANDS IT SEIZED FROM THE ARABS DURING THE SIX-DAY WAR OF 1967.

THE MERGER ALSO COULD BE THE FORERUNNER OF A BROADER COHESION AMONG COUNTRIES OF THE DISUNITED ARAB WORLD, AN ARAB COLUMNIST WROTE.

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TRIPOLI -- MERGER NITER 3

CALMING THE SLOGAN-SINGING CROWDS, KHADAFY SAID: "UNITY BETWEEN LIBYA AND SYRIA IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FACED BY THE ENEMIES OF THE ARABS." THE SPEECH WAS BROADCAST BY TRIPOLI RADIO.

HE UNDERLINED THE GOALS OF THE PROJECTED STATE, DECLARING THAT "LIBYA AND SYRIA ARE HONEST ENOUGH TO STATE THAT THIS UNITY IS DIRECTED AGAINST ZIONISM AND IMPERIALISM."

IN ARAB PARLANCE, IMPERIALISM MEANS WESTERN POWERS, CHIEFLY THE UNITED STATES, AND ZIONISM MEANS ISRAEL AND ITS WESTERN JEWISH BACKERS.

KHADAFY ALSO TOLD THE CROWDS THAT THE PLANNED STATE WILL BE SET AGAINST THE "TRAITOR" EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT.

LIBYA AND SYRIA ARE LEADING MEMBERS OF THE FIVE-POWER "STEADFASTNESS AND CONFRONTATION FRONT" WHICH HAS VOWED TO DESTROY ISRAEL AND UNDERMINE THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI PEACE DRIVE, WHICH THEY REJECT AS A SELLOUT OF ARAB AND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

KHADAFY SAID SADAT HAS "STOPPED FIGHTING ISRAEL BECAUSE HE WAS CONFORMING TO AMERICAN ORDERS." THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FRONT ARE ALGERIA, SOUTH YEMEN AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.

"OUR UNITY IS THE UNITY OF THOSE SEARCHING FOR DIGNITY, AND WE PROCLAIM THAT THE BUGLE CALL FOR UNITY AND LIBERATION HAS SOUNDED," SAID KHADAFY. "THE CALL FOR A RETURN TO JERUSALEM HAS SOUNDED."

KHADAFY SAID HIS INTENTION WAS: "NOT TO INVADE ANY PART OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT SINCE AMERICAN FORCES ARE AT PRESENT STATIONED IN EGYPT, SOMALIA AND OMAN, IT IS OUR DUTY TO DEFEND OUR LAND WHERE THERE IS AN AMERICAN PRESENCE."

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CALLING HIS TRIP HERE A "SACRED HOPE," ASSAD TOLD THE CROWDS THAT HE AND KHADAFY WILL STRUGGLE HAND-IN-HAND TO REMOVE ALL OBSTACLES AND TURN UNITY INTO REALITY.
"LETS STRUGGLE TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE THE VESTIGES OF IMPERIALISM," SAID ASSAD. "LETS CRUSH IMPERIALISM AND CLEAN THE ARAB WORLD OF THE TRACES OF COLONIALISM."
HE EXHORTED THE LIBYANS TO JOIN IN THE SYRIAN STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAEL FOR THE LIBERATION OF ALL OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS.
"UNITY IS OUR STYLE FOR CONFRONTATION AND LIBERATION," SAID ASSAD IN HIS SPEECH, WHICH WAS BROADCAST LIVE BY THE LIBYAN STATE RADIO. "THIS UNITY WILL WIPE OUT ALL ENEMIES OF THE ARAB NATION."
ASSAD CAUTIONED THE ARABS THAT ISRAEL WILL TRY TO FOIL THE UNITY. ISRAEL AND SADAT, HE SAID, "ALREADY HAVE BEGUN ATTACKING OUR UNITY."
"SADAT HAS SAID THAT THE LIBYAN-SYRIAN UNITY IS A CHILDISH GAME," ASSAD COMPLAINED. "HOW ABOUT SADATS BETRAYAL OF HIS OWN NATION... IS THIS BETRAYAL THE WORK OF GROWN UP MEN?"
HE ADDED THAT "NEITHER SADAT NOR (ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM) BEGIN WILL BE ABLE TO IMPOSE SURRENDER ON THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE."
ARAB NEWSPAPERS SPECULATED THE TWO LEADERS MAY PROCLAIM THE MERGER ON SEPT. 28, THE DAY IN 1961 WHEN THE EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN MERGER FELL APART.
THE DAY ALSO WILL MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF LATE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT GAMAL ABDEL NASSER, WHO IS REGARDED BY MOST ARABS AS THE PIONEER OF ARAB UNITY.
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TRIPOLI--MERGER NITER 5
NASSER LED THE FIRST UNITY EXPERIMENT WITH SYRIAN A 44-MONTH MERGER. KHADAFY ALSO TRIED TO UNITE HIS COUNTRY WITH TUNISIA AND AGAIN WITH SUDAN AND EGYPT. ALL HIS EXPERIMENTS ENDED IN FAILURE.

INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS IN SOME ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE SUPPORTED THE PROJECTED MERGER OF LIBYA AND SYRIA.

THE KUWAITI AL-QABAS NEWSPAPER QUOTED UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES WHO HAD VISITED ASSAD RECENTLY AS SAYING THE SYRIAN LEADER TOLD THEM HE WILL ASK KHADAFY TO BECOME THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW STATE.

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"UNITY MEANS DEATH FOR ISRAEL, AND THE ISRAELIS KNOW THAT QUITE WELL," SAID THE NEWSPAPER AL-WAHDA, OR THE UNITY, IN ABU DHABI, CAPITAL OF THE U.A.E. "ISRAEL WILL TRY TO UNDERMINE THIS UNITY."

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ARAB UNITY TRIES (WITH SYRIA-LIBYA MERGER)

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) -- THE SYRIA-LIBYA MERGER PLAN IS THE LATEST IN A LONG SERIES OF ARAB ATTEMPTS TO UNIFY 100 MILLION PEOPLE WHO SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE AND SHARE A COMMON CULTURAL HERITAGE.

HERE IS A LIST OF THE MAJOR ATTEMPTS:

--IN 1958, EGYPT AND SYRIA MERGED INTO THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC. IT COLLAPSED IN 1961 AFTER EGYPT TRIED TO FORCE TH SOCIALIST IDEAL ON THE SYRIAN ECONOMY.

--ALSO IN 1958, THE JORDANIAN AND IRAQI MONARCHIES, BOTH RULED BY MEMBE OF THE HASHEMITE FAMILY, SET UP A FEDERAL UNION TT COUNER THE EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN UNITY ''MENACE.'' THE FEDERATION COLLAPSED WHEN THE IRAQI MONARCHY WAS OVERTHROWM IN A BLOODY COUP THE SAME FONXKKH MAAI 1971, SEVEN SOUTHERN ARABIAN SHEIKDOMS -- ABU DHABI, DUBAI, SHARJAH, AJMAN, RAS AL KHAIMA, UM AL QUWAIN AND FUJAIRA -- JOINED IN THE UNITED URAB EMIRATES. THE NEW STATE HAS SURVIVED AT LEAST THREE DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN ABU DHABI AND DUBAI OVER BUDGET SHARING AND ARMED FORCES COMMAND.

--IN 1972, LIBYA, EGYPT, SYRIA AND SUDAN MERGED IN A FEDERATION OF ARAB REPUBLICS/ SUDAN SECEDED SHORTLY AFTERWARD BEVKCIFV INTERNAL POLITICAL TROUBLES. THE MERGER EFFECTIVELY ENDED AFTER THE 1973 ARAB-ISRAELI WAR.

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--IN 197:, LIBYA AND TUNISIA SIGNED A UNITY PACT BUT IT WAS REPUDIATED BY TUNISIA WITHIN MONTHS.

--IN 1977 AND 1979, PRO-WESTERN NORTH YEMEN AND MARXIST SOUTH YEMEN SIGNED UNITY PLANS, BOTH AFTER BORDER CLASHES. THE PLANS YIELDED NO CONCRETE RESULTS.

--IN 1978, EGYPT AND SUDAN SIGNED AN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION PACT. DESPITE DIFFERENCES OVER THE PEACE DRIVE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, THE SUDANESE HAVE RETAINED SEVERAL JOINT PVOJECTS WITH THE EGYPTIANS.

--IN 1979, SYRIA AND IRAQ SIGNED A MERGER PACT, BUT THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE SINCE BEEN LOCKED IN A WAR OF WORDS WITH EACH ACCUSING THE OTHER OF MOUNTING SUBVERSION ATTACKS AGAINST IT.

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FEDERATION

BY JOSEPH PANOSSIAN

NICOSIA , CYPRUS (AP) -- SYRIA AND LIBYA HAVE ACIVATED THE LONG -DORMANT ''FEDERATION OF ARAB REPUBLICS '' AS A VEHICLE FOR OPPOSITION TO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT 'S PEACE OVERTURES TO ISRAEL , DAMASCUS RADIO REPORTED TUESDAY .

EGYPT IS THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE FIVE -YEAR OLD FEDERATION , BUT THE HEADQUARTERS WAS TRANSFERRED FROM CAIRO TO TRIPOLI , LIBYA , AFTER SADAT 'S TRIP TO JERUSALEM AND THE ARAB ''REJECTIONIST '' SUMMIT IN TRIPOLI .

THE RADIO SAID SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD RECEIVED FEDERATION PRIME MINISTER AHMED EL -KHATIB , A SYRIAN , BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR TRIPOLI TO RESUME HIS DUTIES .

BASHIR EL -RABETI , THE SPEAKER OF THE FEDERATION PARLIAMENT , SENT A CABLE O ASSAD PRAISING THE DECISION TO TRANSFER THE HEAQUARTERS TO TRIPOLI , THE REPORT SAID .

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THE FEDERATION WAS THE BRAINCHAILD OF LIBYA 'S COL . MOAMMAR KHADAFY AND THE OUTCOME OF HIS FRODDING ALMOST FROM THE MOMENT HE SEIZED POWER IN A BLOODLESS COUP IN SEPTEMBER , 1969.

EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT GAMAL ABDEL NASSER AND THE THEN NEWLY INSTALLED SUDANESE IRESIDENT JAAFAR NUMEIRY STOPPED IN TRIPOLI ON THEIR WAY BACK FR
M AN ARAB SUMMIT AT RABAT , MOROCCO , IN DECEMBER 1969.

THE ALKS RESULTED IN A TRIPARTITE DECLARATION OF INTENT TO PURSUE THE GOAL OF MERGING THE THREE COUNTRIES . NO TIMETABLE WAS SET .

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RTS WERE INTERRUPTED , HOWEVER , BY NASSER 'S DEATH THE NEXT YEAR .

ANOTHER DECLARATION OF INTENT WAS ISSUED BY SADAT AND KHADAFY IN APRIL 17, 1971 AFTER THEIR MEETING IN BENGHAZI , LIBYA . SUDAN OPTED OUT , CITING TRIBAL DISORDERS ON THE SOUTH . THE REAL REASON WAS BELIEVED O BE WORSENING RELATIONS WITH LIBYA .

SADAT , ASSAD AND K ADAFY MET IN DAMASCUS IN AIGUST HE SAME YEAR AFTER SYRIA HAD JOINED IN , AND A FEDERAL CONSTITUTION WAS SIGNED , FOLLOWED BY THE REFERENDUM .

SADAT WAS ELECTED THE FIRST FEDERAL PRESIDENT FOR A TWO -YEAR PERIOD ENDING IN SEPTEMBER 1973. ASSAD AND KHADAFY WOULD HAVE FOLLOWED HIM AS FEDERAL PRESIDENT .

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BUT WITH SADAT BUSY CONSOLIDATING HIS OWN RULE AND ACKLING A DISPUTE WIH MOSCOW WHICH LED TO THE OUSTER OF SOVIET ADVISERS , THE FEDERATION MOVEMENT FALTERED .

KHADAFY RESORTED TO PRESSURE . HE OFFERED EGYPT UNLIMITED FINANCIAL SUPPOR AND LATER RESIGNED FROM THE PRESIDENCY IN IBYA TO FACILITATE EGYPTIAN -LIBYAN MERGER -- THE RESIGNATION WAS REJECTED BY THE IBYAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL -- AND STAGED HIS LIBYAN POPULAR MARCH ACROSS THE DESERT INTO EGYPT IN AN EFFORT TO FORCE THE MERGER . EGYPT STOPPED IT BY FORCE .

SADA FINALLY ACCEPTED THE MERGER , STIPULATING THAT IT BE CARRIED OUT BY AUGUST 1973.

THE DEADLINE PASSED WITHOUT ANY ACTION TAKEN .

AN ENSUING DISPUTE CLIMAXED WITH A BRIEF MILITARY CONFRONTATION ON THE EGYPTIAN -LIBYAN BORDER IN JULY 1977.

A FEA MONTHS LATER SADAT DISPATCHED HIS PRIVATE PHYSICIAN TO TREAT KHADAFS 'S ILL SON .

RECONCILIATION FOLLOWED , AND SADAT ANNOUNCED HIS PLAN GO O ISRAEL , ONLY ONE DAY AFTER THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR HAD RETURNED TO TRIPOLI .

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